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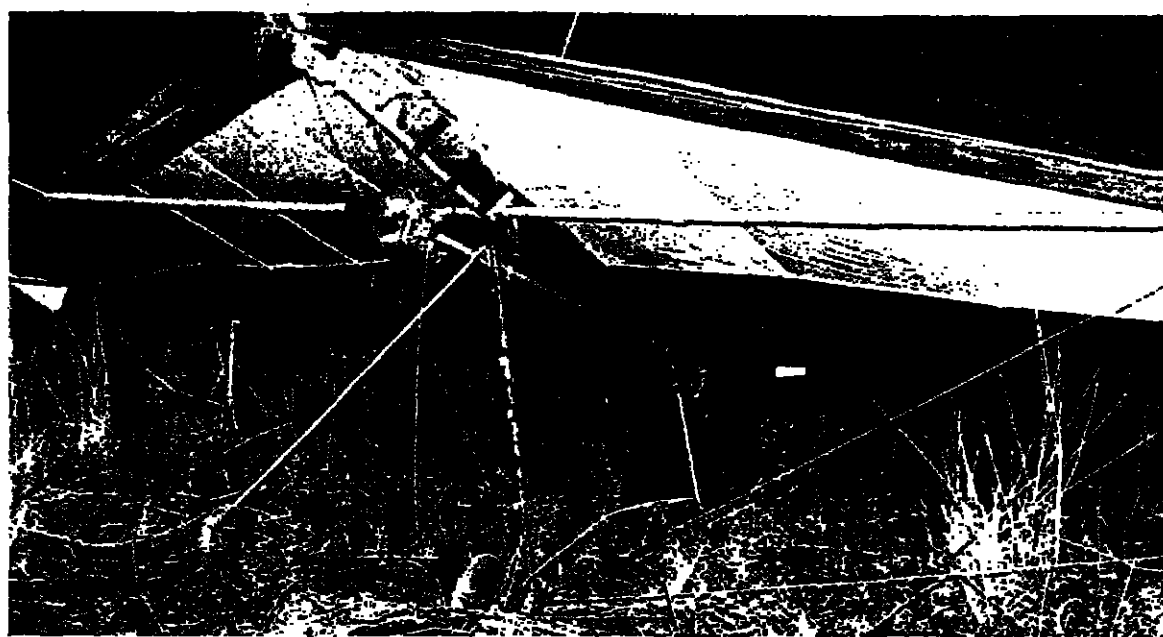
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## Broadcast strike over

By JEFF BLACK  
For The Jerusalem Post  
Israel Television returns to the screens tonight at 8 p.m. after a two-month shutdown. Kol Yisrael will begin its radio broadcasts some time in the afternoon.  
Tonight's television broadcasts will begin with the news, followed by an entertainment show and a film. Saturday night's schedule will be similar to that of the pre-strike period, opening with the comedy show *Who's the Boss*, and followed by the news, sport, *Personal Screen* and a drama. No schedule was available last night for radio programmes.  
The journalists' strike ended after management agreed to postpone its new plans for television and radio. These plans were the sticking points in the dispute until last night's meeting between the journalists, IBA director-general Uri Porat and the Labour Ministry's head of labour relations Nahman Ory. The journalists were insistent that no changes be made in scheduling and programme content until after completion of the arbitration process concerning the journalists' demand for a wage rise.  
When news of management's plans leaked out earlier this week, the journalists refused to sign the agreement under which their dispute would be taken to the Institute

of Agreed Arbitration, despite the fact that such agreement had been reached in principle.  
Following the terrorist attack near Kiryat Shmona, Porat appealed to the journalists yesterday morning to return to work immediately. He mentioned the public's need for information about the event. The journalists agreed on condition that management shelve the impending changes.  
Throughout the day, messages passed to and from between the journalists and Porat, and between the National Journalists' Association lawyer Haim Berenson and state attorney Eliyahu Ben-Tovim, in a search for a compromise formula which would satisfy both sides.  
Deputy Minister Ronni Milo also mediated between the journalists and Porat.  
Finally the two sides met face-to-face last night in Porat's office. The journalists agreed to join the Arbitration Institute after Porat agreed to delay the introduction of the new plans. Porat promised to permit the workers a reasonable period of time to study the plans and offer their observations. Until then, Israel Radio and Television will operate as it did before the strike.  
Porat also promised that no journalists will be fired before the arbitration process is completed.  
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## Shomron: Army to investigate why troops caught unawares



The motor-driven hang-glider which carried a terrorist across the northern border on Wednesday night rests in the field in which it descended east of Kiryat Shmona. (Andre Brutman)

By HIRSH GOODMAN and DAVID RUDGE  
The attack in the North by a lone terrorist on Wednesday night, which left six soldiers dead and seven injured, one critically, was "unacceptable," Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron told defence reporters yesterday.  
The terrorist had come through the front gate of an army camp, which would not have happened if the guard at the gate had reacted appropriately, Shomron said.  
Before entering the camp, the terrorist attacked a military vehicle, killing an officer and injuring a woman soldier. He then made his way to the front gate of the camp, threw a grenade at the guard and entered, killing five more soldiers and injuring seven.  
Instead of confronting the terror-

ist when he approached the gate, Shomron said, the guard ran into the camp as soon as a grenade was thrown towards him. This allowed the terrorist to enter the base, firing in all directions and throwing at least three grenades, causing the casualties in "a matter of seconds."  
The camp was a rear-echelon support base.  
The terrorist, who was shot dead, was reportedly a member of Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command. He had crossed the border at about 9:30 p.m. in a motorized hang-glider.  
Another hang-glider came down at the same time inside the security zone in South Lebanon, just 400 metres from the border. The terrorist pilot was discovered by IDF troops in the early hours of yesterday morning and killed.  
Shomron said that the IDF in the North had had 20 minutes' warning of the coming attack, and had insti-

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## Gorbachev aide blasts 'Zionist upsurge'

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
MOSCOW. — A senior aide to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday blasted the planned Soviet Jewry demonstration in Washington on the eve of the coming summit as part of a broader "reactionary and pro-militarist" effort to spoil the U.S.-Soviet nuclear accord.  
Valentin Falin, head of the Novosti Press Agency, who will accompany the Soviet leader to the U.S., slammed the "Zionist upsurge" as "more an attempt to pressure the U.S. administration than the Soviet government," and said it was intended "to create an unfavourable atmosphere for the summit."  
In the same vein, the top Soviet religious affairs official, Konstantin Kharchev, reprimanded a visiting group of New York politicians, saying that the planned demonstration in Washington would "fly in the face of the Jewish tenet of hospitality."  
"Soviet Jews are puzzled at this," he said.  
Another key Soviet foreign affairs spokesman, Georgi Arbatov, appearing at the same packed press conference with Falin, assured the newsmen that there was "no hint" of any opposition or criticism of the impending Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces agreement within Kremlin government circles.  
He thus obliquely rebutted the theory that the violent incident outside the Ovir office in Moscow on Tuesday reflected the presence of "summit spoilers" in Soviet ranks. Six Jewish activists are in detention, for five to 15 days, in the wake of that incident, when a group of demonstrators were set upon and beaten by

plainclothes thugs. They were protesting on behalf of a long-time refusenik family, the Kalchinskys.  
Worse still, for the pre-summit atmosphere, a U.S. TV crew managed to film — for the first time — uniformed and plainclothes officials brandishing wire-cutters with which they put an end to the coverage of all the other TV crews on the scene.  
Among the Jewish activists there was surprise and shock over the episode, the first of its kind for more than three months. It coincided with, and somewhat overshadowed, a long-planned symposium on the problem of "security refusal," the arbitrary application of

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emigration restrictions to persons formerly privy to state secrets through their work. But the symposium went ahead in a crowded private apartment, undisturbed by the authorities, save for one brief and silent visit by a uniformed policeman.  
Leading activists told *The Jerusalem Post* they were determined to continue their public efforts on behalf of individual refusenik families like the Kalchinskys, and to highlight the inequity of the "security refusal" laws and their unjust application. Said Ze'ev Mishkov, an Orthodox refusenik who was beaten, but not arrested, on Tuesday: "Some of us are desperate and forlorn. We will continue to help and support each other in this way, because we feel there is nothing more to lose."

Mishkov's (gentle) mother-in-law, aged 73 and estranged from her converted daughter and grandchildren, is refusing to give her consent to the family's emigration.  
In general, however, the steady trickle of exit permits for refuseniks appears to be continuing, and the easing in the authorities' harassment of Jewish religious life is still in effect. Kharchev, chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs, assured the visiting group of New York politicians yesterday that Jewish religious books could be sent into the USSR without hindrance provided they were channelled through the official Jewish community, led by Rabbi Adolf Shayeivitch.  
Noah Dear, chairman of the New York City Council's human rights subcommittee and leader of the visiting group, said that of a list of 100 refusenik names which he had submitted to Kharchev seven months ago, all but one — Leonid Volvovsky of Gorky — had received exit visas. He gave the Soviet official a new list of nearly 400 names.  
Kharchev told Dear and the three other New York councilmen in his group that the upswing in exits reflected the "real changes" now under way in Soviet society. "Some people don't understand the process and try to slow it down... The important thing is to change people's attitudes." He insisted, though, that those who sought to leave represented only a tiny minority among the USSR's nearly two million Jews (Kharchev's figure), who are "ordinary Soviet people." He suggested exchange visits between U.S. Jews and some of "our simple Jewish people."

## Shamir accuses Damascus

By DAVID RUDGE and BERNARD JOSEPHS  
Jerusalem Post Reporters  
KIRYAT-SHMONA. — Grey-faced and sombre, Prime Minister Shamir flew here straight from an inner cabinet meeting yesterday and said that the terror attack must have had backing from Damascus.  
"It is clear that those who claim responsibility could not have done it without help from the Syrians," he said after surveying the scene of the bloodshed at an army camp on the outskirts of the city.  
The premier arrived at Kiryat Shmona by helicopter accompanied by Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel. He was greeted by Mayor Prosper Azran and several senior army officers who escorted him to the base where he was shown the grim scene of the battle.  
From there he went on to Kibbutz Hagoshrim to address settlers from confrontation line towns and villages. He had not come to cheer them up, the prime minister said. Such an attempt would not be fitting. But he assured them the government was considering an appropriate response to the assault.  
"The whole country is with you," Shamir said. "I have come to show you that the government identifies completely with the settlers and defenders of the North. The nation is as one person."  
He reminded the settlers that the successful attack on the army base was an exceptional occurrence. "Every hour of every day and every night they try to penetrate our territory, to kill and destroy soldiers and civilians. In hundreds of cases, which we don't talk about, we have stopped them. The army and the government will continue to protect this area until peace prevails," he said.  
Commenting on the use of a hang-glider by the terrorist, Shamir repeated that the army had managed to prevent many different kinds of strikes.  
"I am sure we'll find an answer to this one, too," he said.  
Zalman Gester, chairman of the Upper Galilee Regional Council, said the settlers should meet with IDF officers to find answers to this type of terrorist attack.  
Most of the settlers' leaders, however, seemed more concerned with economic problems than with terrorism. Financial hardship, not the security situation, was the main reason why people left the area, they said. If nothing was done to ease the financial plight of kibbutzim and moshavim in the North, the area would suffer a blow to its security far worse than could be inflicted by terrorists.  
Extra funds were needed to im-

## The questions that must be answered

Among the many questions that remain open following Wednesday night's attack on an army base in the Galilee, two stand out:  
□ How does a terrorist using primitive hang-gliders manage to infiltrate Israel's highly sophisticated anti-aircraft defences along the northern border—this despite the knowledge that Jibril's organization possessed hang-gliders and were known to be training on them?  
□ How could a lone terrorist, armed with only a submachine gun, a pistol and several hand-grenades, enter a guarded military base, kill five soldiers (one of the six men killed was killed on the road several minutes prior to the attack) and wound seven more—even though there had been a 20 minute warning of a pending attack after the sound of a motorized glider had been reported?  
With regard to the first question, one can accept the Chief of Staff's contention that no defences are foolproof and that successful infiltration attempts are inevitable. It is precisely because of this truism that once an infiltration has been registered the army is supposed to have a rapid response mechanism to minimize potential damage—something

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that was widely in evidence on Wednesday night but not at the point attacked.  
At 9:30 the Northern Command was alerted to the danger of an infiltration from the air. Immediately a massive defensive network encompassing the air force, ground forces and civil defence arms in the northern Galilee was placed on alert. Flares, hundreds of them, were fired into the night and helicopters buzzed in all directions. Kibbutzim and moshavim in the north placed extra guards on duty, but, inexplicably, at the camp attacked almost half-an-hour after the first warnings, very little preparation seems to have taken place. There was only one guard at the gate — if a rope strung across the entrance can be called a gate — and the men killed were cut down while unarmed and unprepared. If it were not for the vigilance and bravery of a storeman who finally shot the terrorist at extremely

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## LEWINSKY WITHDRAWS

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Akiva Lewinsky withdrew yesterday as Labour's candidate for the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency, leaving the field to three other candidates: MK Simha Dinitz, MK Mordechai Gur and Nissim Zivli, head of the agency's Settlement Department.  
The Labour Party central committee is to meet next week to select the party's candidate for chairman, who will stand for election at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.  
Lewinsky, who was rejected as a candidate by the Diaspora fund-raisers in the agency, announced his withdrawal to the Labour central committee yesterday. He accused the fund-raisers of violating the rules of partnership, and took a swipe at his party for not backing him all the way.  
He said that the fund-raisers' action was a grave development in Israel's relations with the Diaspora.

He added that his party should not have taken the easy way out in a matter this serious, by pressuring him to withdraw.  
The Likud's unofficial candidate for chairman, Gideon Patt, returned yesterday from an extended trip to the U.S., where he took soundings concerning his candidacy among the fund-raisers and other American Zionists.  
With Lewinsky out of the race, Patt's chances have probably decreased. Sources close to the fund-raisers said that Patt's meetings in the U.S. did not generate great excitement for his candidacy. Lewinsky's departure also makes it less likely that the American Zionists allied with Labour will break ranks to vote for a Likud candidate.  
Likud sources have talked about putting up MK Moshe Arens if Patt bows out, but Arens may face a legal barrier if, as reported, he seeks to retain his seat in the Knesset while he serves as agency chairman.

## The six soldiers who died

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Details of the six soldiers killed in Wednesday night's attack near Kiryat Shmona:  
□ Lt. Ya'acov Weir, 21, was buried in Holon Military Cemetery. He was to have completed his service in half a year and intended to study engineering, friends said yesterday. He is survived by his parents and a brother.  
□ Pvt. Binyamin Besterman, 20, was buried alongside his comrade in the Holon Military Cemetery. He is survived by his parents and four brothers and sisters.  
□ Sgt. Daniel Muller, 21, of Ra'anana, immigrated from England with his parents and brother six years ago. He had completed his studies at yeshiva high school Or Zion. He was buried in the military cemetery in Ra'anana.  
□ Pvt. Gai Netanel of Jerusalem, 19, was the oldest of four sons. He was a scout leader before joining Nahal.  
□ Lt. Liron Pnini was to have celebrated his 22th birthday today in his home in Moshav Avihail, where he was born. He had extended his army term by four months. His girl friend, Etti Hatav, said yesterday that they had planned to announce their wedding plans today to their parents.  
□ Pvt. Niv Hazon, 19, of Petah Tikvah, was buried in his home town where his family had been among its founders. His father is a senior official in the Education Ministry and his mother a teacher in the Kibbutz Seminary. He also leaves a sister and a brother.

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## Jibril's PFLP claims responsibility

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Ahmed Jibril's PFLP (General-Command) yesterday admitted responsibility for the attack near Kiryat Shmona, a spokesman for the terrorist organization said here.  
The spokesman claimed that five hang-glider pilots took part in the attack and that one pilot was killed. Another one was missing and the three others had returned safely to their base, he said.  
The Palestine Liberation Organization, meanwhile, warned Palestinians and Lebanese that Israel was planning a "large-scale military operation" against Palestinian camps and Lebanese villages.  
He said the PLO would "escalate its armed resistance against Zionist occupation troops" in the occupied territories and in Lebanon.

## Jerusalem double murder seen as 'act of madness'

By ANDY COURT  
A number of confusing clues have puzzled police investigators trying to determine whether one of the goriest murders in Jerusalem in recent years was inspired by criminal or nationalist motives.  
The double murder took place Wednesday night in the Hamashbir department store on King George Street in the heart of downtown Jerusalem.  
The victims were Rafi Weitzman, the 35-year-old manager of the basement supermarket, and Zechariya Maimoni, 65, a security guard who was filling in for another guard.  
"I would say that there's a combination of nationalistic fervour and personal vengeance involved," Jerusalem police chief Yosef Yehuda'i said yesterday on Educational Television's *Erev Hadash* programme. "This is not the kind of thing that is done every day, and certainly not with a level head, but rather in some fit of madness."  
The bodies were discovered close to midnight by relatives of one of the victims who were concerned because he had not returned home from work. The victims, whose throats had been cut, lay in large pools of blood. One of the men had his hands tied. A sum of money, estimated at between NIS 15,000 and NIS 20,000, was missing from the supermarket safe.  
Weitzman and Maimoni were buried in separate ceremonies at the Givat Shaul cemetery yesterday.  
Maimoni immigrated from Yemen at a young age and worked for many years as an inspector for the municipality's education department. He put in limited hours as a security guard at Hamashbir since his retirement. He also served as an officer in the civil guard.  
Weitzman was promoted to his job eight months ago after serving as manager of the supermarket in East Talpote. He leaves behind three children, the oldest of whom is 12.



Sgt. Daniel Muller, one of the six soldiers killed in Wednesday night's attack, is buried yesterday in Raanana. (Daniel, Media)

## Philippine typhoon kills 270

MANILA (AP). — Powerful typhoon Nina whipped across the Philippines yesterday, leaving about 270 people dead and thousands homeless before heading into the South China Sea.  
Most of the victims were killed in Matnog, some 400 kms. southeast of Manila, at the tip of Sorsogon province, the civil defence office said. It said huge waves flooded the ferry port late Wednesday when the storm blasted ashore with 205 kph winds. Final figures were not expected for several days because the storm severed communications with

the remote provinces that were hardest hit.  
Government television reported that 14,000 homes had been damaged or destroyed, and several shelters had been set up for refugees. It said as many as 100,000 people had been affected by the storm.  
After battering Sorsogon, Nina roared across southern Luzon and smaller islands to the south, uprooting trees, power and telephone poles, and sweeping away thousands of shanties before heading into the South China Sea. Three inter-island ships ran aground during the storm.  
Late last night, weather officials said the storm was about 455 kms. southwest of Manila, moving west-northwest at 26 kph. They said it had been weakened by its overland journey and now packed top winds of 120 kph.  
The centre of the storm passed about 100 kms. south of Manila, but swept the capital of some 8 million people with winds gusting to 100 kph, and heavy rains flooded many streets. Civil defence officials said more than 100 homes here were badly damaged.

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The bodies of the victims are taken from the murder site in the centre of Jerusalem on Wednesday night. (Rahamim Israeli)



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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Continuing warm during day and cool at night.  
Outlook for Shabbat: No change.

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Tiberias	41	11-23	24
Nazareth	30	15-26	26
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## Plan to sell cemetery in Jaffa foiled

**By ANDY GOLDBERG**  
For The Jerusalem Post  
The Religious Affairs Ministry and the State Comptroller are to probe a secret attempt on the part of the Jaffa Wakf (Muslim religious trust) to sell a Moslem cemetery to Jewish land developers at a price far below its market value.  
The deal to sell the cemetery for \$800,000 — although the plot's market price was estimated at \$2.5 million — was signed in June, but was called off a few days ago when the kadi of Jaffa refused to change the land's status.  
The affair came to light only last week when Jaffa attorney Nassim Khakar was checking land registry documents.  
The disclosure of the attempted sale of the 2.5-dunam cemetery, located on prime real estate near the exclusive Bavli quarter, led to a storm within the Arab community. Wakf chairman Ahmed Farjani and treasurer Mohammed Mansour may be dismissed for their role in the deal, it was learned.  
(A more detailed version of this story appears in today's edition of The Jerusalem Post's Tel Aviv-area weekly supplement, Metro.)

## 2 Iranian deserters seek release from jail

Two deserters from the Iranian Army who managed to get into Israel appealed yesterday to the High Court of Justice to order their release from prison.  
The two noted that they had been sentenced to three and nine months in prison, respectively, for illegal entry. Despite the fact that they have served their sentences, they are being kept in Ayalon Prison because the justice minister has issued an expulsion order against them.

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## HOME NEWS

# For one night, Kiryat Shmona relives the trauma of terror

**DAVID RUDGE**  
**KIRYAT SHMONA.** — The sound of firing blasted the stillness of the night in this northern town on Wednesday, reawakening deep-seated fears among the residents.  
Minutes after the shooting, the night sky was lit up by flares, and helicopters rumbled overhead, their searchlights adding to the glow.  
At first, many of the inhabitants thought the firing was in the town itself. Only later did they discover the extent of the tragedy which had overtaken a nearby army camp.  
"I was in the main square of the town when the shooting started," said 30-year-old truck driver Armand Hemi. "Within minutes, ambulances, police and army vehicles started racing through the town with their sirens blaring. We didn't know what was happening, and then suddenly the security forces started to close off the roads and instructed everybody to go to their homes."  
"Anybody who says he was not afraid is lying. We were all frightened, but we have learned to live with this kind of situation. If we don't stay here, who will?"  
Bonen Elias, aged 45, was inside the local community centre where folk-dancing was taking place when the shooting broke out at around 10 p.m.  
The 120 dancers, mainly women, were unaware of what was happening until a resident informed the manager of the centre, said Elias.  
"The manager checked with the police and then immediately ordered everybody to go to their homes. There was a bit of panic

among the women, who were worried about their children at home. At that stage, we didn't know what was happening," he said.  
The situation became clearer as they moved outside and saw the flares illuminating the sky "as if it were day."  
"I thought at first it might have been an attack by Syrian commandos from the Golan Heights," said Elias.  
They finally learned what had happened later in the night. "I don't think that we are going back to the situation that existed prior to the Lebanon war, when we suffered from the Katyusha attacks," said Elias. Nevertheless, he admitted that he had been scared during the long night as the ambulances roared through town taking the dead and wounded away from the scene of the battle.  
"You can't see something like that and not be affected," said Elias. He stressed, however, that he had no intention of leaving the town which has been his home for the past 30 years.  
Despite the tragic events of the night, which kept most of Kiryat Shmona's residents awake until the early hours, most of those interviewed said their prime concern was not the security situation but the economic one.  
Haim Tzarfat, aged 37, said sadly that he intended to leave the country in the next few weeks. "I am not going because of what happened last night, but because I simply cannot earn enough money to support myself."

Tzarfat, who was recently divorced, added that he had worked as a gardener for the municipality until three weeks ago. His last monthly salary was NIS 540.  
"That was not enough to support me, my wife and our children when I was married. Now I am going to try to create a future for myself abroad."  
Throughout the morning, police vans toured the township instructing residents to stay at home and not send their children to school for fear that other terrorists may still be in the area.  
Schools in the town and in villages along the border with Lebanon were closed in the early hours of the morning, and Kiryat Shmona itself was sealed off while security forces combed the region.  
Around 10 a.m., the all-clear was given, schools opened and life began to return to normal.  
Mayor Prosper Azran praised the residents' calm attitude, saying that they exemplified Zionist attributes. Nevertheless, he called on the government to provide funds for the installation of a cable television network throughout the town, which would be useful in an emergency.  
Azran maintained that, through such a network, civil defence experts would be able to advise residents on what action to take.  
He said the establishment of such a network was essential for the security of the town which had suffered in the past from terrorist incursions and Katyusha rocket attacks. "It is the minimum that the government should give us," he added.

## Jibril -- the man who sends the suicide terrorists

**By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Yesterday's attack near Kiryat Shmona was not the first time Ahmed Jibril's group has made a spectacular strike on the northern border.  
Three terrorists from Jibril's Popular Front-General Command killed 18 people, mostly women and children, in their Kiryat Shmona apartments infiltrating from Lebanon in April, 1974.  
In June 1974, another group of infiltrators from the Jibril gang killed three women at Kibbutz Shamir near the northern border during an attempt to take kibbutz children hostage.  
Jibril, a former demolitions officer in the Syrian Army, was second in command in George Habash's hardline Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, before breaking with Habash in 1968 in a dispute over policy.  
The PFLP wanted to give "political revolution" the same priority as military action against Israel, while the Jibril splinter group insisted that priority must be given to military action.  
Jibril was born in 1937 near Jaffa, and left with his parents to Syria in 1948. He rejects the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank, and instead favours a secular state in all of Palestine.  
In the 1970s his group reportedly received much Soviet aid in the form



Ahmad Jibril staking his quarry.

of training, supplies and support. The group since has been one of the Damascus-backed Palestinian factions opposed to PLO chief Yasser Arafat.  
Jibril left Lebanon during Israel's 1982 invasion and took refuge in Syria, arriving there with PFLP leader Habash.  
He conducted lengthy negotiations with Israel over the release of three IDF soldiers captured by his group in Lebanon in 1982. The soldiers were finally freed in the con-

troversial prisoner exchange of May, 1985, in which Israel released 1,150 Palestinians and other terrorists.  
Jibril has advocated suicide operations inside Israel for at least a decade. "We like death as much as life for our life outside of Palestine is just like death," he was quoted as saying in one rare interview.  
Jibril has said his operations were designed to "push moderate Israelis to join the ranks of the extremists, and approve more Israeli raids. Faced with this, moderate Palestinians will rally to the rejection front."  
At a 1983 session of the PNC in Algiers, Jibril led the Soviet-backed fight of hardliners against Yasser Arafat's then conciliatory policy towards Jordan's King Hussein and the U.S. He likewise opposed Arafat's tacit recognition of Israel, via Arab League declarations, and the PLO's developing relations with Israeli leftists.  
In February 1986, Israel intercepted a Libyan jet thought to be carrying Jibril along with other senior members of Syrian-backed terror organizations. But none of those sought were on board the plane.  
After that attempt, Jibril threatened reprisals aimed at passengers aboard U.S. or Israeli planes.  
A few months later, Jibril was linked to the Nezar Hindawi attempt to plant a bomb on an El Al jet bound from London to Tel Aviv.

## Gush leader fined for role in Kalkilya rampage

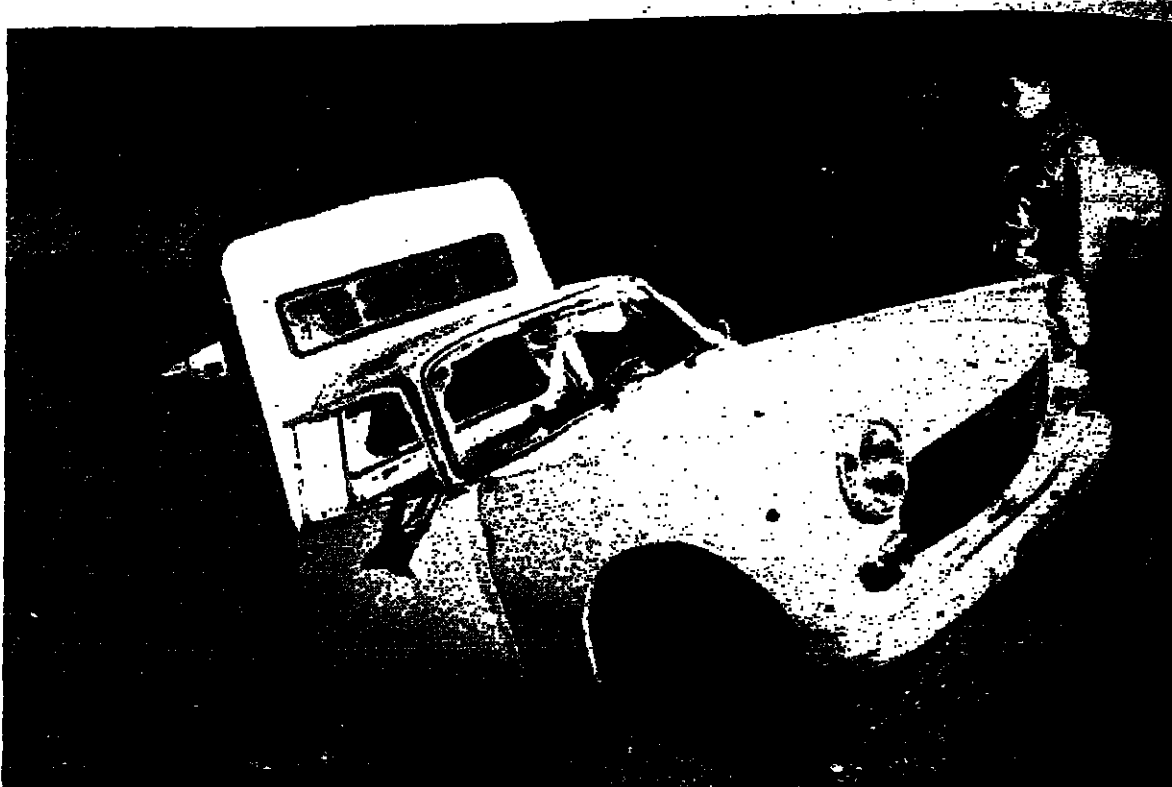
**Kfar Sava (Itim).** — Daniella Weiss, the secretary of Gush Emonim, was yesterday found guilty in the magistrates' court here of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace in Kalkilya on May 6, when bottles were thrown at shops.  
She was given the option of paying an NIS 2,500 fine or spending five months in jail. She was also

given a six-month suspended sentence.  
Judge Yehuda Farago wrote in his judgment that he had detected no sign of regret on Weiss's part for what she had done. The only redeeming gesture was the vacuum flask of coffee she had given to an Arab shopkeeper. "But this action is not to be interpreted as a sign of

## Soviets say PLO must be in on peace talks

**By WALTER RUBY**  
**NEW YORK.** — The Soviet ambassador to the United Nations insisted in a speech to the General Assembly earlier this week that the PLO should be represented at the proposed international Middle East peace conference.  
The statement by Ambassador Alexander Belogonov seemed to contradict recent statements by Foreign Minister Peres and his advisers that the Soviets are no longer insisting on direct PLO involvement.  
In a speech to the General Assembly Tuesday, during a debate on "The Question of Palestine," Belogonov said: "All the parties concerned, including the PLO, and permanent members of the Security Council, (should) take part in the (international) conference." He called the concept of an international conference "a tested and reliable instrument of collective diplomacy... which will be called upon to find decisive solutions to the big problems of the Arab-Israeli conflict." Added Belogonov: "While the Arabs advocate the idea of an international conference, Tel Aviv and Washington sabotage it."  
Belogonov called for "withdrawal of Israeli troops from all the territories occupied, the assurance of the legitimate national rights of the Arab people of Palestine, and the establishment of their own independent state." Belogonov said the Soviet Union also supports "the ensur-

ance of the right of each state, including Israel, to uninhibited existence and safe development."  
Belogonov said that Israeli testing of missiles of the Jericho II class "confirms the fears that reliance on force remains the cornerstone of Israeli policies toward neighbouring Arab states."  
Commenting on Belogonov's speech, an Israeli source here said acidly, "If the Soviets told Mr. Peres that they are no longer insisting that the PLO be represented at the international conference, they apparently forgot to inform their UN ambassador."



Soldiers stand watch over a Peugeot army tender whose driver was killed in last night's terrorist attack. (G. Reinhardt/PA)

## Health fund to shorten waits with 2nd shift

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Post Science and Health Reporter  
A second shift in all Kupat Holim Clalit general hospital operating rooms and outpatient clinics will start in two months, giving hope to thousands of patients who have been waiting months or years for non-emergency surgery.  
This was agreed last night by the 25-member council representing the health fund's hospital doctors, who approved the proposal okayed at 4:30 a.m. yesterday by their smaller works committee. The council meeting lasted for seven hours and was very stormy, as some doctors opposed compromising with management. But at 10 last night, a majority of the council voted to approve the proposal. The legal wording has yet to be completed, but the signing ceremony is due to be held next week.  
The agreement brings to an end seven weeks of severe sanctions that closed operating rooms and outpatient clinics and instituted reduced Shabbat schedules in all the health fund hospitals on a rotating basis. The doctors last night expressed the hope that the second shift — the first ever in Kupat Holim hospitals — would usher in a "new era" and help

bring about the "recuperation" of the troubled health fund.  
Neither side would offer more than a few basic details about the agreement, except the fact that it would be in force for two years and then be open to renegotiation.  
About 9,000 operations will be performed during the second shift during the afternoon and evening hours. There are now about 10,000 patients waiting for elective operations at health fund hospitals according to management, and over 30,000 according to the doctors.  
The physicians and management agreed several weeks ago on the level of overtime payment for second-shift surgery — from NIS 60 up to NIS 400 per operation. The main bone of contention during the past seven weeks involved how the second shift would operate and what working conditions would be.  
Meanwhile, the country's 10,000 nurses in the government, Kupat Holim and private hospitals decided yesterday to continue their sanctions, begun on Sunday, to reduce their work week unilaterally from 40 to 36 hours. Hundreds of nurses will meet on Tuesday to decide on further measures.

## Ba'al Shem Tov's grave may be open to tourism

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
**MOSCOW.** — The grave of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of Hassidism, could become a Jewish pilgrimage and tourism site if a novel scheme broached here yesterday comes to fruition.  
Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Soviet Council of Religious Affairs, pledged to "think about" the idea, and to discuss it with tourists, the Soviet tourism authority, after a visiting Jewish leader from New York said Jews from around the world would visit the tomb in their hundreds if it were accessible.  
Rabbi Israel Ben Eliezer Ba'al Shem Tov (1700-1760) lived and died in Mezhibozh, now in the Ukrainian republic.  
Kharchev told Noah Dear, who represents an Orthodox district of Brooklyn in the New York City Council, that Mezhibozh is not a closed military area. Kharchev repeatedly suggested that American investors might wish to build a hotel there as a joint project.  
The isolated graveyard at Mezhibozh contains the identifiable tombs, too, of several of the Ba'al Shem Tov's leading disciples. Hassidic groups from the U.S., Europe and Israel, frequently and in growing numbers, visit tombs in Poland and Hungary — and also the famous grave of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav in Uman, Russia.  
Dear said that the Ba'al Shem Tov's grave, if made accessible, would quickly become the key shrine for these circles.  
Recently, Australian tourism magnate and Jewish leader Isi Lieber advanced a broader plan for Jewish "heritage tours" in meetings in Moscow with top-flight Soviet tourism officials.

## Nakash gives court a 'get'

**By HAIM SHAPIRO**  
Any interest the rabbinical courts may have had in William Nakash ended yesterday when Nakash deposited a conditional bill of divorce with the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court. The way is now clear for his extradition to France, where he is wanted on suspicion of murdering an

Arab underworld figure in Bessan.  
The case has a complicated background. After Justice Minister Avraham Shafir reversed a previous decision and ordered Nakash extradited, the rabbinical court forbade Nakash from leaving the country, because that would make his wife, Rina, an aguna, a woman unable to remarry. Whereupon the attorney-general, claiming that the rabbinical court had exceeded its authority, threatened to challenge its decision in the High Court of Justice.

## Druse child needing transplant gets aid

**OFAKIM (Itim).** — The Dana Fund of Ofakim has approved the allocation of NIS 100,000 towards a liver transplant for a Druse infant in Daliat al-Carmel.  
The fund was set up last summer to finance the trip to London of Dana Bettito for a liver transplant. But Dana died after her operation when her body rejected the transplant. The money remaining in the fund is being used to assist people needing transplant operations abroad.  
The Druse child, 2½-year-old Salah Ashraf, will be sent to Belgium for his operation.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our dearly beloved  
**ALFRED (Anshei) BALL** ז"ל  
will take place on Sunday, November 29, 1987, at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.  
All friends who wish to honour his memory will meet at the gate of the Military Cemetery at Kiryat Shaul, at 2:50 p.m.  
The Family

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the unveiling of the tombstone will take place at Kfar Samir Cemetery, Haifa, on Wednesday, December 2, 1987, at 3 p.m.  
At 6 p.m., a meeting will be held to honour his memory in the Observatory Gallery (30th floor) at Haifa University.  
The Family



## Reagan launches drive

## Nato banking heavily on Senate approval of accord

America's Nato allies, some of whom are privately dubious about the new superpower arms accord, have pledged to speak up strongly in support of the plan to help win Senate ratification.

U.S. President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev are expected to sign the treaty, which was completed Tuesday in Geneva, next month in Washington.

In past months, some French and West German government officials have expressed concern that the accord could deplete the nuclear firepower of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization too rapidly.

But now that the agreement has been completed and is on the verge of becoming a treaty, the European allies are worried even more by the possibility that the Senate could kill it. That's partly because the alliance already has decided it will unilaterally suspend further missile deployments once the treaty is signed, instead of waiting for the ratification that will give it legal standing.

As a result of this decision, which Shultz disclosed Wednesday in Brussels, NATO is staking much of its political capital on the Reagan administration's ability to overcome conservative senators' opposition to the treaty.

In Santa Barbara Wednesday, President Reagan opened his campaign for Senate ratification of the treaty, saying the pact fulfilled a key U.S. policy aim. His chief of staff, Howard Baker, predicted the White House would overcome conservative opposition to the pact because it is "Ronald Reagan's treaty."

"I was very pleased that the two ministers cleared away remaining obstacles to completion of an INF treaty," Reagan said in a statement. "While details remain to be worked out, I look forward to signing this

historic agreement with general secretary Gorbachev at the Washington summit next month."

Baker, who joined in briefing the president at Reagan's mountaintop ranch, later told reporters the summit agenda called for five separate meetings between Reagan and Gorbachev. He also said the drive to reach a follow-on arms treaty reducing strategic nuclear missiles would be a "major part" of the discussions between the two leaders.

Despite a conservative outcry against the INF agreement, Baker predicted two-thirds of the Senate, the margin needed for ratification, would support the pact.

However, Baker said Gorbachev would not address a joint meeting of Congress as originally planned. Conservative Republicans had threatened to embarrass Gorbachev and Reagan by trying to block such an appearance by the Soviet leader.

If the Senate kills the accord, NATO would face enormous public opposition in Europe to restarting the deployments. Under those circumstances, even the continued presence in Europe of the 364 U.S. missiles earmarked by the treaty for destruction might come in doubt.

The Soviets, on the other hand, would be free to add to their arsenal, which have already four times as many warheads as NATO.

The Europeans say they are confident the deal will be ratified.

But there are indications they won't sleep easily until the Senate delivers a firm "yes." Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti of Italy told reporters after he and other allied officials met with Shultz at NATO headquarters Wednesday that the Europeans had "said a prayer for ratification." Italy is host to 80 of the U.S. missiles due to be scrapped.

The others are at military bases in West Germany, Britain and Belgium.

In his meeting with NATO representatives on his way home from Geneva, Shultz urged the allies to advertise forcefully their support for the accord.

Shultz told the Europeans he wanted to be able to cite their public statements of approval when he testifies in Senate hearings on the treaty, according to NATO sources who attended the closed-door meeting. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

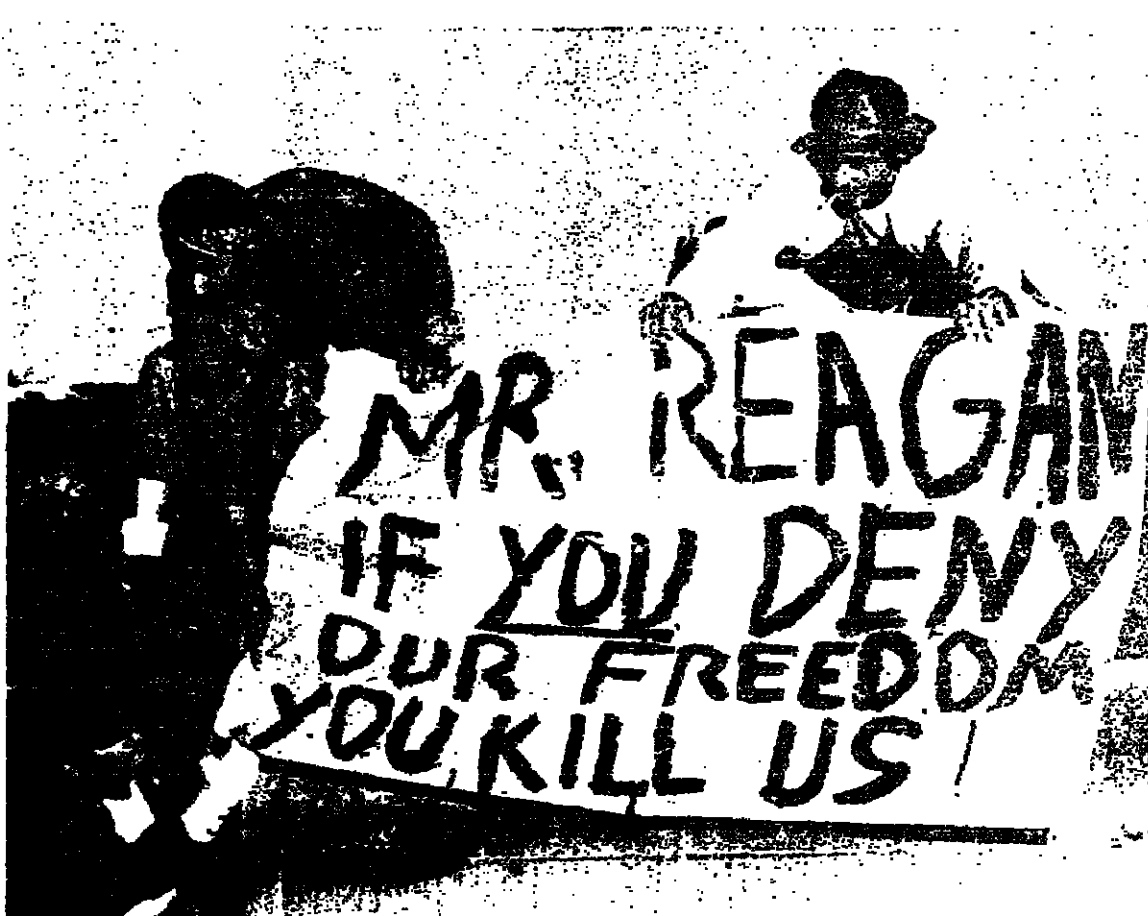
Some conservative American lawmakers have criticized the treaty as being harmful to U.S. and European security interests. Most indications, however, point to likely ratification sometime next year.

Until recently, the European governments had been relatively restrained in their praise for the missile agreement.

West Germany's coalition government had been deeply divided last spring over key provisions of the treaty — mainly the eventual U.S. acceptance of a Soviet offer to include in the agreement a ban on nuclear missiles with a range of between 500 and 1,000 kilometres. The deal originally was for missiles beyond the 1,000 kilometre range.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said Bonn was a strong backer of the accord. He said Senate opponents would be wrong to think they could point to West German concerns as evidence that the treaty was bad for the Western alliance.

Horst Telschick, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's chief foreign policy adviser, told the German newspaper *Bild* that "everything depends" on Senate ratification. He said failure to put the deal into force would be "catastrophic." (AP, Reuters)



Cuban inmates unfurl a banner on the roof of the Oakdale detention centre as the stand-off with the authorities over their demands not to be repatriated to Cuba continues into a fifth day. (AFP)

## Authorities, Cuban hostage-takers in stand-off

ATLANTA (AP). — Federal authorities bolstered by military special forces professed willingness to wait out revolts of Cuban prisoners in two states and considered proposals written by the inmates holding 122 hostages.

"Negotiations are going on around the clock," said lawyer Dale Schwartz as he left the U.S. penitentiary in Atlanta about 2:45 a.m. yesterday.

"We are reasonably confident

that the four spokesmen we are talking to represent a majority," he said. Officials previously had said the Cubans were divided into factions, some wanting only assurances against punishment for rioting, others insisting on promises they will not be deported and some demanding they be freed.

One Cuban inmate was shot to death Monday, when prisoners rioted and set fire to three buildings. Four inmates were taken to a hospital Wednesday, bringing to 20 the number of Atlanta guards and inmates reported receiving treatment as a result of the riot.

Authorities offered no information on how long the inmates' supplies could hold out or whether food was being sent in.

The government's announcement last week that Cuba had agreed to accept 2,545 refugees who came to the U.S. in the 1980 exodus from Mariel set off the rioting.

## WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

## Kasparov, Karpov all square after 17 games

SEVILLE (Reuters). — Titleholder Garry Kasparov and challenger Anatoly Karpov agreed to a draw yesterday after 46 moves in their 17th game of the world chess championship. The score in the match stands at 8-1/2 to 8-1/2 with three wins and eleven draws each.

Kasparov, 24, arrived more than ten minutes late for the resumption

of play and seemed extremely tense. The second session lasted nearly an hour as the two rivals checked their analysis in an endgame with rook and four pawns each.

Karpov, 36, threatened to force a favourable king and pawn ending with his 46th move but agreed to a draw when Kasparov produced a strong equalising reply.

For the first time in the contest both players analysed the position for several minutes after the game — in marked contrast to their last draw when they traded charges of improper behaviour.

The 18th game, with Kasparov having the advantage of the white pieces, will be held this afternoon.

## IN BRIEF

**AFGHAN PRESIDENT** Najibullah's younger brother has defected to the rebel side, a Pakistan-based Afghan guerrilla party said yesterday. A spokesman for the Jamiat-Islami party said Sidiq and his wife were now with its field commander Ahmad Shah Masood in the strategic Panjsher Valley north of the capital Kabul. Western diplomats said the defection could be personally embarrassing for Najibullah, whose government's 11-month-old "national reconciliation" campaign has been rejected by the rebels.

**GUNMEN FREED** Lebanon's youngest kidnap victim, seven-year-old Bashir Husam Samadi son of a Sunni Moslem businessman, yesterday, one day after he was seized on his way to school and \$200,000 demanded for his release, police said. They said they had no information on whether the cash was paid. Police said a white French Renault car dropped Samadi off near Beirut's international airport at 7 a.m.

"They put him in a taxi and told the driver to take the boy home," one officer said. There have been at least a dozen cases in the last two years in which gunmen seized members of rich families in the hope of a big ransom.

**A SOVIET SUBMARINE** was permitted to escape from Swedish territorial waters five years ago, a former Swedish military officer said yesterday. Colonel Lars Hansson said his superiors stopped him from blowing up the fleeing vessel. Hansson told the Associated Press the incident occurred during an anti-submarine hunt in 1982 when a series of Soviet intrusions into Swedish waters were discovered; the incidents led to a four-year chill in diplomatic relations.

**A JAPANESE WINE LOVER** has paid 420,000 francs, the equivalent of \$75,000, for eight bottles of rare Bordeaux wine pre-dating a plague of insects that destroyed French vines in the 1870s. Hiroshi Kojitani, a Tokyo graphics designer, made the highest bid late Wednesday for the century-old wine, the centerpiece of a 9,000-bottle auction sponsored by France's leading cancer research centre, the Curie Institute. The auction raised 1.12 francs for the Curie Institute, which plans to use the money to help finance a new hospital and research centre. (Reuters, AP)

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## Aborigines' deaths shake Australia

SYDNEY (AFP). — Initial findings of a probe into aboriginal deaths in custody are so disturbing that the government has told state ministers to agree to take immediate action when they meet today or face federal intervention.

Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gerry Hand has warned the states that he will invoke constitutional laws if the national meeting of police ministers from six states, being held in the southern city of Hobart, fails to find a common solution.

The moves come as Australia prepares to enter its bicentennial year, with political and public opinion urging something to be done for the dispossessed aborigines, the original inhabitants of the country who now account for about 1 per cent of Australia's population of almost 16 million. In recent weeks, the nation's conscience has been stung by the revelation that the number of aborigines who have died in police custody, many reportedly in bizarre suicides, is significantly high. But nobody seems to be able to give a firm figure for the deaths.

A shocked federal government set up a royal commission into aboriginal deaths in custody in August,

when it was told that the figure seemed to be more than 60 deaths in eight years. The commission, headed by Justice Muirhead QC, began its inquiry in Canberra earlier this month, hearing submissions on who could appear before it, and then adjourning to a date to be set.

The hearing learned of two more deaths in custody, increasing the figure to an estimated 64. But Justice Muirhead said later that the total number of aboriginal deaths in custody could be as much as 100 and urged state governments to act immediately without waiting for his commission to report and make recommendations. "Australia cannot and must not wait on my reports, interim or otherwise, to act to put an end to this appalling situation," he said last week.

"I cannot, as an individual, shoulder the task of inquiry if I have in the back of my anxious mind that this country is waiting for my recommendations before acting decisively. Australia has got to act immediately on the current crisis because it is a crisis."

The commission's deadline to report is the end of 1988.

The police ministers' meeting in Hobart will have a draft code before

them, urging aboriginal legal or liaison officers and a relative or friend to be contacted "where feasible" when an aborigine is taken into custody. The code also recommends medical checks and the use of multi-prisoner cells where possible, frequent observation and avoiding the arrest of aborigines on minor charges unless they appear violent or likely to reoffend.

Royal commission staff expect to uncover as many as 20 unrecorded deaths in the northern state of Queensland.

Two weeks ago, Queensland Corrective Services Minister Don Neal said an underground prison, known as the "Black Hole" because of its foul conditions, would be reopened for aborigines making trouble during bicentenary celebrations. The move aroused the ire of many, including Hand, who tried and failed to halt the reopening and has since asked the Human Rights Commission to intervene.

On Monday, police in the southern state of New South Wales reported two attempted suicides by aboriginal prisoners in outback jails. Aboriginal groups responded by saying that police intimidation of aborigines was increasing.

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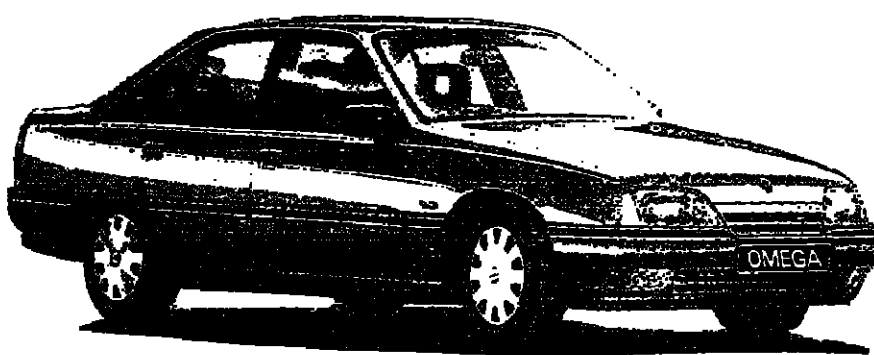
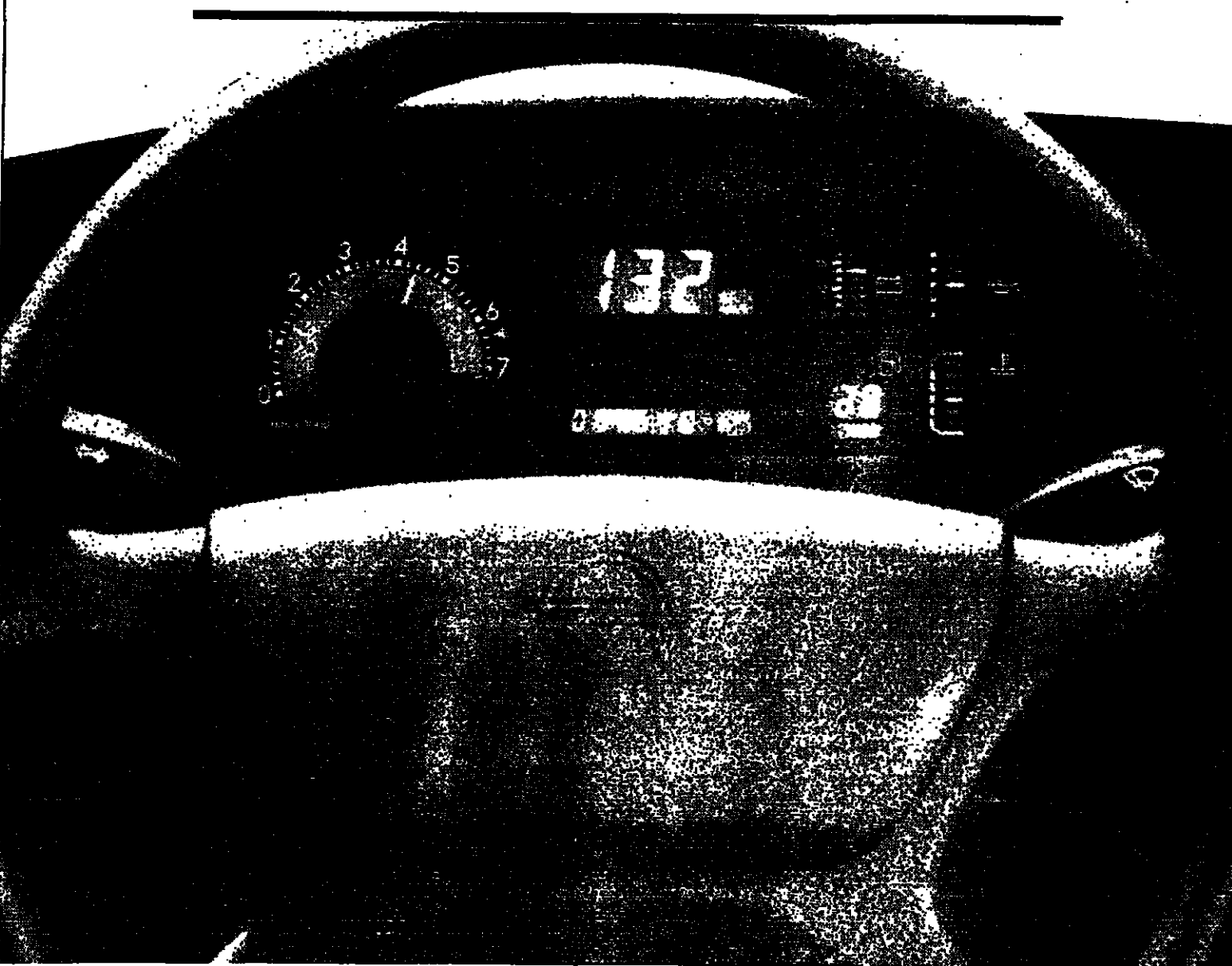
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# Hang-glider attack opens new front in the terrorist war

**JOSHUA BRILLANT**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Wednesday night's attack on an army encampment adjacent to Kiryat Shmona may have signalled the opening of a new front, as the IDF has succeeded in almost completely cutting sea and land routes used by terrorists to reach targets in Israel.

Hang-gliders of the type the enemy used are capable of carrying 70 to 100 kilograms — meaning a fighter and his equipment. They can also travel great distances, as Israeli gliders have often demonstrated by flying from Mount Tabor north of Afula to the Negev.

Such gliders are difficult to detect, an Air Force source said. They are made of cloth, similar to ships' sails, and there are so few pieces of metal, which would show up on radar, that the glider would make only a small mark on radar screens. Their engines purr like those found in small motorbikes, making a noise similar to many sounds one hears at night.

Almud Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command was the first to use such aircraft to outflank Israel's system of patrols and electronic fences equipped with sophisticated detection systems.

Jibril established a "fairly organized" unit in the Damascus area, a military source told *The Jerusalem Post*. It includes trained pilots. The Syrians have been helping them, the source added.

But it was Mohammed Zain Abbas (better known as Abu Abbas) who first used hang-gliders. Abu Abbas had been Jibril's operations officer — and the two are believed to have discussed the glider option — but the two fell out.

He then made two attempts to reach Israel on gliders and a hot air balloon, failing in both.

On March 7, 1981, two of his men took off in motorized hang-gliders hoping to bomb oil refineries in the Haifa Bay region. One glider landed at Nakura, before even reaching Israel's border. The second evaded detection and reached the Kiryat Bialik area. However, the fuel saw he was running out of fuel. He dropped a bomb on a civilian home, landed and tried to hitch-hike back to Lebanon. Security forces which had launched a search after the

bombing caught him. Another attempt was made the following month, on April 16 1981, when two gunmen took off in a hot-air balloon. Israeli anti-aircraft guns shot it down west of Manara and ground forces killed the men.

Those episodes alerted Israel's anti-aircraft units to the possibility of terrorists reaching Israel by air.

Meanwhile Abu Abbas moved to other modes of combat, including the hijacking of the Italian liner Achille Lauro. So far, there are no indications that he is still engaged in hang-glider operations. *The Post* was told.

Jibril's PFLP-GC had refrained from attacking Israel proper since the 1982 Lebanon War — restricting its operations to attacks in the security zone and to political activity.

Thus, Wednesday's raid reflected a change of policy. It is not clear when the two gunmen took off. They are believed to have set out from the Lake Karun area. At least one of the hang-gliders is believed to have been U.S. made.

Israeli troops heard the engine at about 9.30 p.m. and the Air Force sent interceptors and Cobra attack helicopters to search the area. But the search failed to locate the small aircraft.

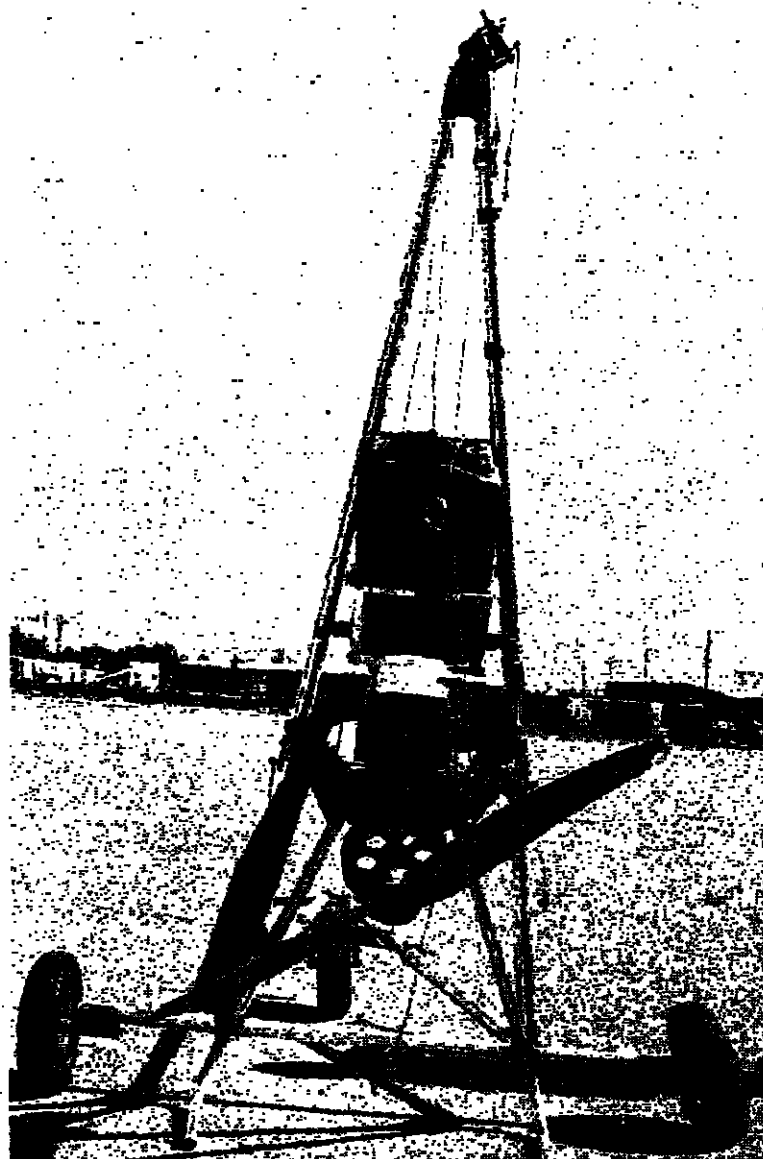
However, the fier's achievement reflects only one part of the PLO's attempt to form a nucleus for a Palestinian air force.

According to the Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Institute for Strategic Studies report on the military balance in the Middle East, some 200 Palestinians have been trained to be fighter and helicopter pilots. They have taken courses in Libya, Pakistan, Cuba, North Korea and the USSR.

Others were trained to become commercial pilots, having learned in a civilian aviation school in Yugoslavia and several Western countries.

The result is that Palestinian pilots have been flying Mig-23 and Mig-21 fighters, Mi-24, Mi-3, CH-47 and AS-321 helicopters, as well as transport aircraft. (The PLO has de facto control over an airline registered in the Maldives and Palestinians fly its aircraft, the report added.)

Attempts to establish an air capa-



A motorized hang-glider (without its wings) used in an abortive terrorist attack in the north in March 1981. (IDF)

bility began in 1969 and the first pilots were Palestinians who had served in Arab air forces, especially Jordan's. The first bases had been in Syria and Lebanon, but following Israel's invasion of Lebanon and the rift between the PLO and Syria, most of the planes, headquarters and men were transferred to North Yemen. Some were sent to Iraq, South Yemen, Sudan, Algeria and Libya.

The men in the PLO's "air force," Force 14, wear air force uniforms, ranks and wings, an IDF report said.

It had Fokker 27 transport planes and Bell 206 helicopters but lacked combat aircraft of its own. However, Palestinian pilots have been involved in combat operations on behalf of some Arab air forces and a member of the PFLP-GC crashed flying for Libya against Chad.

Nevertheless, Israeli military sources believe the Palestinian pilots are of poor quality. Some completed their pilot courses 10 years ago and have hardly flown since, while others took courses in countries whose pilots are considered second-rate.

Thus, the threat of conventional Palestinian-flown aircraft probably does not create any new challenge for the IDF. The IDF has been trained to contend with modern Migs flown by better pilots than those of Force 14.

But the gliders are a different story. And though their capabilities are modest, the gunman who attacked the camp proved that a determined person can do — especially if defenders are caught off guard.

Accordingly the Air Force has been working on new methods to plug that gap, a source reported.

## RAFUL — OUT IN THE COLD

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Former Tehiya MK Rafail Eitan is out in the parliamentary cold these days — by his own choice. Eitan, whom everyone calls "Raful," the nickname he got in the pre-state Palnah, has restored the party name of Tzomet, which was his when he teamed up with Tehiya, before the 1984 elections. But he is still battling for formal parliamentary recognition as a one-man faction, recognition which he has virtually no chance of winning, due to objections from Tehiya, the senior partner from which he broke away earlier this month. Such are the provisions of the House Rules.

When the House Committee votes on Monday on Rafail's request for recognition, it will probably not grant him Treasury financing. But he may be given the right to table motions of no-confidence, as well as other minor privileges. He will be classified as a "single MK" and not as a "one-man faction."

When asked whether he regretted the three years plus, which he had spent inside the Tehiya faction, now reduced from five MKs to four, he replied good-naturedly: "I don't cry over spilt milk."

Rafail admits readily enough that he did not acquire a politician's patina during his first three parliamentary years. "I'm no smoother (meshug-shaf) than I was in 1984," he grinned. "I saw a lot of dirty tricks performed during my three years in Tehiya, but I haven't learnt any."

For all that, Rafail can hold his own in a cut-and-parry interview, and he can use diplomatic language skillfully enough to deny insinuations and to dodge delicate issues.

Nevertheless, the naivety conventionally attached to him is often still there, and there is no sign that he would like to shrug off that designation. He probably wants to make the most of the bluff-soldier-honest-farmer image.

In his fight this week to gain recognition as a one-man faction, on the grounds that the faction he joined in 1984 kept the name Tehiya-Tzomet, he told acting Knesset Speaker Aharon Naimias that the new faction had sent a letter to the Knesset five days after the last election bearing the letterhead Tehiya-Tzomet. This was to prove that he



Rafail Eitan (Tzomet)

never gave up his separate identity, and should therefore enjoy full parliamentary privileges following the recent split.

When Naimias told him later that no such letter could be found in the Knesset archives, Rafail replied lamely: "Well, I have the copy, but I suppose it's possible the original wasn't actually sent." Naimias said to have been amazed that he didn't try blustering his way out, by accusing the Knesset authorities of mislaying the letter.

Rafail asserts today, as he did during his bust-up with Tehiya, that that party's disregard for internal democratic process prompted him to get out. "Maybe I should have gotten out sooner; maybe I should never have entered Tehiya in the first place. But now, for sure, with the elections 12 months off at most, I didn't see any sense in staying inside a petrified political party."

What ideological messages does he intend to beam to the voters over the next fateful 12 months? He reels off an encyclopedic list, which he began with advocacy of Greater Israel (Eretz Yisrael Hashelama) and options for settlement throughout the territories, and continued with promoting educational and social

progress, reorganizing the national economy, pushing electoral reform and revamping the Histadrut to transform it into a trade union organization, plain and simple.

Rafail is just as encyclopedic in defining his target electorate. He claims support among students, soldiers, intellectuals, kibbutzniks, development town residents, and observant Jews. "From some contact with Orthodox audiences who know I'm a secular Jew, I am convinced they respect my position very much," he said.

While declining to mention names, he asserts that a panel of intellectuals and professionals has already been formed to draw up a platform, organize a campaign, and prepare the pre-election effort. He also asserts that funds are coming in to pay for it all.

When I tried to argue that his vote against the "Who's a Jew" proposal will cost him votes among Greater Israel supporters who wear kippot, he retorted: "Tehiya got very few voters with kippot, so I run no risk there."

And he contended that Tzomet, before the 1984 elections, included observant members.

He agreed that one target group was composed of disenchanted Alignment voters, steeped in the historic Mapai tradition of the late David Ben-Gurion, who wanted to realize Greater Israel aspirations outside the Likud and Tehiya, which they could not stomach for sentimental reasons. His left-wing "activist" background was not that of the late Yigal Allon and Yisrael Galili, he stressed, who went out of Mapai into Abud Avoda, and then returned to the Alignment. "I remember their political pestering while I was in the Palnah," he recalled, casting his mind back well over 40 years.

Rafail said he had never sold himself to journalists as a publicity figure. "I don't believe in inviting journalists to my meetings and speeches. It's not dignified. And I won't change my policy just because elections are coming up," he said with a tinge of self-righteousness. "But, of course, I understand that my associates will have to take an active interest in Tzomet's public relations in the future, prepare ads and publish written material."

(This is the first of two articles.)

## Motorized hang-gliders -- light, easy to pilot

By JONATHAN KARP  
TEL AVIV. — The motorized hang-glider that the Palestinian gunman flew undetected across the Lebanese border and landed near an army base close to Kiryat Shmona on Wednesday night was a quiet, light, and easily-piloted aircraft, hang-glider instructors said yesterday.

Arnon Harlev, manager of the Agur Hang-gliding Club and School in Bat Yam, said that most of the different models had the same basic characteristics.

The smallest and simplest version, like the one that penetrated Israel two nights ago, is merely a standard delta-wing hang-glider, with an engine and a propeller mounted in the rear. The pilot lies in the regular hang-gliding harness and

controls the craft by shifting his weight and pushing a bar which is connected to the wings, Harlev said.

The more complex models, in which the pilot sits in a seat and maneuvers the aircraft with cables or even a control stick, are commonly known as ultralights. Harlev said that the "trike," named after its triangular aluminum frame and triple landing gear, is the most popular model.

The most advanced, ultra-light version uses a straight wing and is more like a small airplane, according to Aharon Sagi, former chairman of the Israel Hang-gliding Association. These models often incorporate basic flight instruments, such as a compass and altimeter. Even with a compass, the pilot must navigate by checking landmarks,

thus making accurate night-time flights particularly difficult.

Motorized hang-gliders are normally powered by 15 to 25-horsepower engines and cost from \$3,500 to \$8,000 new. They travel at between 50 and 100 kilometres per hour, but quietly, Harlev noted.

"The amount of noise obviously depends on how much you invest in the exhaust system," he said. "With a good muffler, it can be very quiet, like a small moped."

They have a range of up to three hours aloft, and can travel more than 300 km. with favourable winds, the instructors said. In calm weather, the crafts are easy to control, and pilot fatigue is minimal.

Though light — the heaviest are 150 kilograms — motorized hang-gliders can carry a payload equivalent

to two adults, according to Harlev.

It is likely, however, that the motorized hang-glider used by the PFLP-GC gunman on Wednesday night could carry less ammunition due to its small size. In addition, because the pilot flew it from the more tiring, hanging-prone position, its effective range was shorter.

These highly-maneuverable craft require only about 50 metres for a take-off run and can land virtually anywhere.

Students need just 16 hours of flight time to qualify for an ultra-light licence, Harlev said, adding that one can become a proficient pilot in relatively little time.

Among the 300-500 people who hang-glide in Israel, Sagi noted, at the most 20 fly ultra-lights.

## Golan Druse family in the dark about their alleged Mossad agent

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJAL SHAMS. — Relatives of alleged Mossad agent Bashir Samara yesterday set out to track down the young Druse who has disappeared from this Golan Heights village.

"They intend to find him and persuade him to 'come clean' about his reported activities in England and his alleged involvement in the summer murder there of Palestinian cartoonist Ali Al-Adhami."

Bewildered members of the Samara family said they were still in the dark about the affair. "We want him to give a full explanation of what happened," said a relative. "So far, all we know is what we have

read in the papers."

According to relatives, Samara's father and an uncle left the village last night to try to trace his whereabouts. The last they heard, he was working for a fence contractor in the Haifa region. On Monday, however, he told friends he was going to Tel Aviv and has not been seen since.

"What concerns us most is the allegation that he was involved in the murder," said Vandi Samara, a second cousin of Bashir.

Publication in the Israeli press of the allegations concerning Bashir Samara created shockwaves in the close-knit community in Majdal Shams and neighbouring Druse villages in the Golan Heights. A resident of Majdal Shams described the atmosphere in the village as "very hot."

Details of Samara's alleged activities came to light in a recent British newspaper article. *The Mail on Sunday* reported that the 22-year-old Samara had been a top Mossad agent who had infiltrated the PLO in England.

His "real" identity was reportedly discovered when he was arrested in September by Scotland Yard detectives on suspicion of involvement in al-Adhami's killing. Samara was questioned for eight days but not charged, apparently because of lack of evidence.

HE WAS at home, too, in the European and American literary traditions. The European, in his case, included the Russian, for the boy Simon, born and reared in a White Russian Habad home, was a 16-year-old adolescent when in the spring of 1914 he immigrated to the U.S. with his family. Prodigy as he was, he was already most conversant with Jewish sources and intimately

acquainted with Russian literature. Years later a wistfully lovely picture of the childhood Habad home was painted by him in an essay on his cousin, the noted Russian Yiddish poet, Shmuel Halkin, who suffered at the hands of Stalin and seems to have remained something of a Marcano in the Soviet Union. One may wonder what Simon Halkin's fate would have been, had the family emigration not taken place just months before World War I.

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Simon Halkin (Strejmayster)

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Halkin brought to his Hebrew University classroom vast erudition and deep roots in many cultures. By the most exacting standards he was to be considered a learned Jew: he was at home in the whole range of Jewish tradition, from Bible and liturgy, through Talmud, medieval poetry and philosophy, religious texts — hassidic and other — to the Hebrew literature of the Enlightenment and thereafter. His Hebrew style mirrored the linguistic development of the ages. It was rich, associative, flexible, unfailingly faithful to the spirit of the language.

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The move to New York, to an

American high school and then an American university, introduced the English dimension into Halkin's cultural universe. It was to be an extremely important dimension. His knowledge of Anglo-American literature was amazingly comprehensive and profound. It enriched his teaching and clearly influenced his own writing. It made him an unparalleled translator, whether of Shakespeare or Shelley or, perhaps particularly, Walt Whitman. He worked in unique fields as well. Having taught himself Greek and then modern Greek, he gracefully translated the poems of George Seferis.

For all his literary, historical and philosophical scholarship, Halkin was first and foremost a poet, an excellent poet, musical and moving in his love poetry; brilliant in his evocation of nature — earth and sky and light; profoundly thoughtful — a Hebrew metaphysical poet; marvelously impressive in his long poem, "Yaakov Rabinowitz at Yarmouth," a fascinating monologue by the ghost of the beloved bookseller of the Yishuv between the two World Wars.

Halkin's Collected Poems are among the jewels of modern Hebrew literature. A catch comes to the throat when one reads the very last — an old man's celebration of the natural loveliness that endures despite all that is lost. In its contemplative mood, its sensitivity, its response to sensual stimuli, it is Halkin at his unforgettable best.

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TOPICS

# The long-suffering patients who don't even bother to complain

Bernard Josephs

THE LIGHT at the end of the tunnel has been dimmed out for two cataract patients who were to undergo long overdue operations this week. For years they waited while a terrifying grey veil steadily reduced their eyesight.

It was to be the day that the miracle of modern surgery would throw open the curtains and let in the daylight. Instead they were told to go home. Now they have to join the queue again, and it might be months before the treatment they have waited years to receive can be carried out.

The two patients are among thousands for whom the doctor's dispute is more than just a complicated row over money, working conditions and the struggle for political control of the Kupat Holim Clalit health fund.

"I don't know what is going on," said a man outside Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot. "I'm supposed to have an operation. I came here yesterday and they told me there was a strike. I came back today and they said the operating theatres are working but that I'll have to take my place in

the queue. I've been needing a prostate operation for years. How much longer have I got to stand in line?"

WHATEVER the rights and wrongs of the battle between the medical men and the health fund's management, the country's long-suffering sick are unlikely to give either side much sympathy.

"Rubbish," snapped a woman as she read a poster put up by the doctors' committee at Kaplan. It called on the public to back the doctors. "Our struggle is your struggle," it said.

"My struggle is to get here every day and be told I still have to wait for treatment," said the woman.

The hospital's switchboard, like those at all other Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals, has been jammed by anxious and angry patients demanding to know when they can expect to receive the care they pay for with their monthly dues.

"It is a very unpleasant situation," said a senior hospital official who asked not to be named.

"They don't just phone. Some have even come to my office. But there is nothing I can do."

"Of course, urgent cases have been dealt with, but non-urgent ailments can be very painful and distressing. If our waiting lists were long before the dispute, well they are even longer now."

SOME PEOPLE, he said, had lost patience and taken their problems to private hospitals and clinics. Others were in a state of despair, unable to afford the cost of private treatment and turning up daily in the hope that someone will ease their suffering.

For those patients at Kaplan who decided to ignore the posters telling them that outpatient clinics were closed on Tuesday, help was close at hand. While officially not working, several doctors were nevertheless open for business. The lights in the outpatient departments may have been out, but the hands that heal were busy.

Head of the physicians' committee at Kaplan, Dr. Abraham Eliraz was aware that many of his

colleagues were breaking the work limits imposed by the sanctions. But he sympathized: "We truly believe in our cause, but at the same time, we feel very bad at the effect it is having on those who need our help," he said. "That is why, in truth, many of us are unable to send people away even if we are supposed to."

How, he asked, could a physician refuse to treat a person who has been waiting for a clinic appointment for, say, six months? "We explain that there is a dispute and that we are imposing sanctions. But my impression is that many of my colleagues end up giving treatment."

WORST AFFECTED, said Eliraz, a specialist in lung diseases, are those who need elective surgery. "The situation has been deteriorating for a long time. Even without sanctions, people have to wait — sometimes for years. Take for instance the case of a man suffering from a prostate disorder, which prevents him from urinating. He needs an operation, but instead his physician is forced

to insert a catheter and tells him to wait in the queue. The same is true for people with ailments like cataracts. They literally go blind waiting for surgery."

The core of the dispute, said the doctor, was not money — although he said that a specialist at Kaplan gets a gross salary of only NIS 1,600 a month — but the way the health fund is run.

Operating rooms and clinics were open for only five to six hours a day, he said, while there were enough doctors to run them around the clock and thereby wipe out waiting lists. "People are ready to pay more for such a service and we are ready to give it," he added. "The health funds say they can't afford it and the Treasury won't help them. But we can't continue with things as they are."

As for the patients, said Eliraz, they were so used to endless waiting and the accompanying suffering that few bothered to complain, even at the new restrictions caused by the dispute. "They don't shout or make a fuss, and I don't know why. Maybe they have given up," he said.

Sarah Honig says that the sick fund has become a Histadrut reservoir for jobs and funds

## The political connection

EARLIER THIS month, the Histadrut Kupat Holim chiefs sought an urgent conference with Labour Party leader Shimon Peres. At the top of the agenda were pleas that he save them — and especially Kupat Holim head, Prof. Haim Doron — from the wrath of the Histadrut Central Committee, the labour federation's parliament, which is due to meet soon and take up demands that Doron be sacked.

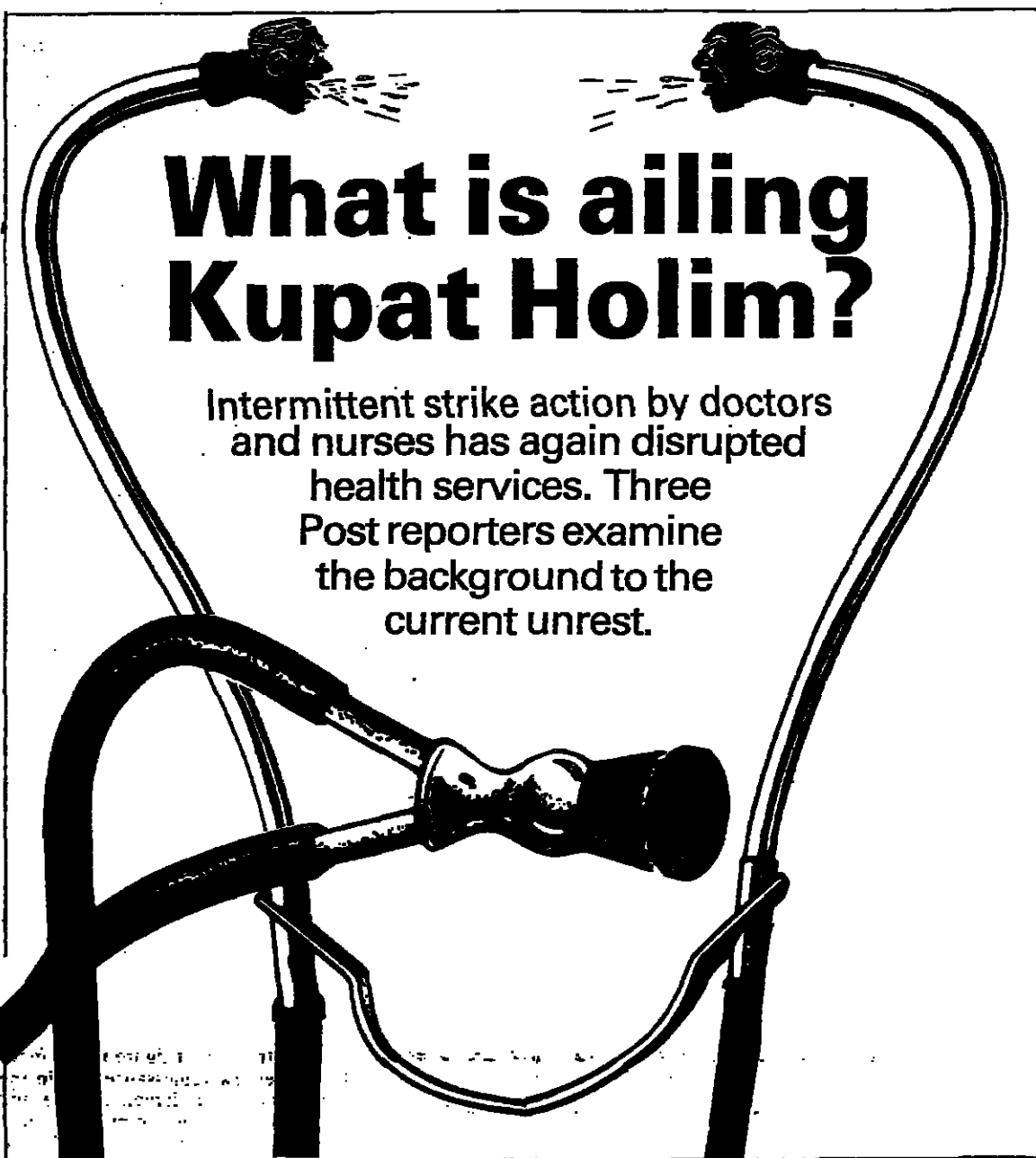
If any proof were needed of the extent to which the country's largest voluntary health insurance organization is politicized, it is furnished by this episode. What ails Kupat Holim is ultimately the business of the Labour Party's top echelons. When all is said and done, the decisions that count are made there and not in any of Kupat Holim's representative bodies.

Doron's opponents are also lobbying full force inside the Labour Party in an attempt to rid the sick fund of its present management, while Doron himself called on Peres, presumably to collect a debt of loyalty for their erstwhile association in Rafi. Doron has already mobilized another ex-Rafi member to his cause, the very powerful Gideon Ben-Yisrael, who now heads the Histadrut's organization department and is in charge of workers' councils.

anything to do with Washington and the Arabs, peace or war. Even the Likud will have a minimal role in our electoral performance. The services delivered to the public by such institutions as Kupat Holim, which are clearly linked in the popular mind with Labour, will determine a lot," said one very high-ranking Histadrut official.

To make the situation even more disquieting for Labour, things at Kupat Holim are now worse than ever. Besides dire budgetary woes, there is now the added blow of the prolonged dispute with doctors at Kupat Holim hospitals. The travails of Kupat Holim are not doing the Labour party any good.

This point could hardly be lost on the Likud. If Kupat Holim is a sacred cow for Labour, it is a time-honoured target for the Likud — not that it managed to translate its historic animosity into action in the decade that elapsed since its accession to power. Early on, in 1977, the Likud wanted to pass a law setting up a national health scheme. Had the Likud succeeded, this would have had the effect of pulling the rug out from under the Histadrut, as well as Kupat Holim, since the reform would have meant that health insurance fees would be collected and distributed by the government.



## What is ailing Kupat Holim?

Intermittent strike action by doctors and nurses has again disrupted health services. Three Post reporters examine the background to the current unrest.

So far, the attempts to unseat Doron are largely an internal Labour Party affair, though if the matter is indeed debated and voted upon in the Central Committee, the opposition parties to the Labour-led ruling coalition can be expected to jump cheerfully on the bandwagon.

All this of course, could not be further removed from the concerns of the hapless patient, who must endure hours of queuing up to see a doctor and brave a bureaucracy of a sort that does not exist in the rival sick funds, should he be unfortunate enough to need an X-ray or a specialist. But the connection between Kupat Holim's malaise and party politics is far less tenuous than meets the eye.

Kupat Holim is a historical fortress of Labour Party interests, which had become a very scared political cow. If ever there were an arena for a last stand by Labour, this would be it. Kupat Holim is a power base, a reservoir of jobs and of funds for the entire Histadrut. But the other side of the coin is that when elections near, it can also become a frightening liability.

It is this second facet of Kupat Holim's relationship to Labour, which is now robbing the party strategists of their sleep. Knesset elections are due, at the latest, a year from now and may be sprung upon us earlier. The Histadrut poll is scheduled for the summer of 1989.

Labour Party sources in the Histadrut confessed that they fear a backlash against the party at the polls by some of Kupat Holim's million-and-a-half members. "If we lose the elections, or just not do well enough, it would not be because of the international conference, or

IT HAS LONG been axiomatic in the Likud that much of the Histadrut is subsidized by Kupat Holim. Most Histadrut members belong to it, not out of ideological socialist zeal, but simply in order to avail themselves of Kupat Holim services, goes the Likud line. The membership fees which go to the Histadrut coffers are mainly put there by Kupat Holim, but they are used to pay for various ventures, including political ones, leaving Kupat Holim's deficit to be covered by the government, or rather the taxpayer, who is not necessarily a Histadrut Kupat Holim member. This is the view from the Likud side.

Nearly everyone in the party says as much and privately, will say even more. On the record, it is bad politics to admit to the existence of a holy war against Kupat Holim. Of course, if such a war is indeed being waged, it is not being waged very successfully, because national health legislation, a key clause in every Likud electoral platform, remains very much pie in the sky.

The most the Likud can do for now is refuse to bail out Kupat Holim and foot its mounting bills. It is a similar hard line to that adopted against other Labour scared cows like Solel Boneh, the kibbutzim, the moshavim and so on.

The Likud's one ace in the hole right now is the popularity of its finance minister, Moshe Nissim, who has surprised everyone by being far tougher than expected when he took over at the Treasury. At the same time, Nissim is easygoing, soft-spoken and unlikely to inflame anyone with extreme political rhetoric. He generates confidence and has even managed to turn the blacked-

out TV screens and the silenced national radio into a feather in his cap.

Nissim insists that he is not pursuing a vendetta against Kupat Holim and that his one objective is keeping the budget within bounds for the good of the national economy.

However, it may be assumed that the Likud will yield somewhat but not completely and Kupat Holim's very serious malaise will be symptomatically alleviated only.

AS FOR Labour, it is not entirely free to precipitate an all-out coalition crisis over Kupat Holim. "This would go down badly with the voting public," one Labour minister told *The Post*. "Such a move could be construed as yet another last-ditch ploy to bring down the Shamir government and welch on the national unity coalition agreement. This, despite the fact that anyone with his thinking cap on, would ask himself what such tactics would serve given the proximity of the elections. But that is how the move could be presented to the electorate."

"It could likewise be construed as yet another Labour attempt to milk the national budget for partisan causes. This whole mess in Kupat Holim and the various Histadrut enterprises and the kibbutz and moshav movements reflects very badly on us. It shows up Labour not as the reliable establishment, but as un-

able to manage its own economy," the same minister assessed gloomily.

Meanwhile, as if to underscore the despondency in Labour, some of Kupat Holim's members had already cast a ballot of no-confidence. They had voted with their feet and left Kupat Holim altogether. The greatest beneficiary of this exodus is Kupat Holim Maccabi, followed to a lesser extent by Kupat Holim Leumi.

Both can be said to have a loose historical bond to the Likud. Maccabi is tied more by sentiment than substance to the Liberals, while Leumi is an organ of the diminutive Revisionist alternative to the Histadrut: Histadrut Ha'Ovidim Haleumi. Membership in Kupat Holim Leumi, however, does not entail membership in the alternative, tiny Leumi trade union federation.

The actual extent of defection from the Histadrut's Kupat Holim is shrouded in secrecy, but *The Post* was reliably told that the deserters are mainly young, relatively well-educated, affluent and upwardly mobile. Kupat Holim is losing members, but also more membership fees than the numbers of defectors would ostensibly indicate. The remaining members are increasingly older and poorer, and consequently a heavier burden on its resources. At the same time, since fees are

determined by income, they also pay lower fees. Those who can pay more, are the ones going elsewhere in apparently increasing numbers.

The Histadrut Kupat Holim regards such competition almost as illegitimate and unfair. Among the arguments its functionaries resort to is the fact that the competitor funds take only the young, by offering such inducements as special terms for students and IDF veterans. It is also charged that the competition is unfair because the other sick funds don't run large hospitals, for example. Kupat Holim spokesmen nowadays tend to depict the hospitals as a liability.

Nevertheless, the competing funds never could build them since they were never generously endowed with government funds. Indeed many voices in Kupat Holim now rue the fact that for many years the Histadrut health fund suffered from a bad case of the edifice complex.

Another favourite Histadrut Kupat Holim argument is that the competitors do not provide services in outlying areas and development towns. But Kupat Holim recently put an end to an agreement with Maccabi dividing the development towns territory between them to avoid costly duplication. Maccabi, in a spurt of energy, hired more doctors and

IF ANYTHING positive has come out of the series of doctors strikes and sanctions in recent years, it is a healthy change in patients' attitudes towards their physician. They are less willing to consider him or her as omnipotent, all-knowing, and exclusively responsible for the care of their bodies. With their confidence in the altruism of striking doctors badly shaken, the public are asking more questions, thinking more about their own health and are not willing to take their previous passive role.

That is a sociologist's view of the disruptions in Kupat Holim hospitals during the past seven weeks. Professor Judith T. Shuvai, director of the medical sociology programme at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, chairman of the Israel Sociological Society and recipient, in 1965, of the Israel Prize in Social Sciences, has written extensively on the ills of public medicine in Israel.

public committees and commissions, but says: "We sit and propose and the authorities do nothing. At one such meeting, the health fund representatives didn't even show up."

Asked whether Israelis are a healthy people, the New York-born Prof. Shuvai comments: "I'm less sure of it than I used to be. If you look at the official statistics on infant mortality and adult longevity, we're not at the top but our figures are located in the higher levels. Of course, there is a big difference in health between the Arab and Jewish populations in Israel — for all sorts of reasons."

But even within the Jewish population, she says, there are clear pockets of high infant mortality and ill health. "Preventive care is marginal, because the Health Ministry inherited prevention from the mandatory authorities and is, thus, unable to cope with it."

History itself is responsible for

## Judy Siegel-Itzkovitch

In an interview this week with *The Jerusalem Post*, Prof. Shuvai noted that most doctors here work as employees of government or other public institutions. "When that happens, they change their values, attitudes and self-perception, as well as the perception of themselves by others. The central norm of medicine — non-selfishness — is eroded, and they appear to be out for themselves."

In the recent strikes and sanctions, she continued, they wrap these self-interests in explanations that they are concerned about their patients, but that the only way to help them is to improve their own salaries and working conditions.

"Now patients are suffering, waiting for treatment and operations. People may be dying as a result of the delay. So the public can easily demand: 'What is the meaning of this?' Is it only a slogan and a thing of the past?"

The change in patients' attitude toward their physicians is inevitable, maintains Prof. Shuvai. "We are used to confiding in them the most intimate information. We take off our clothes, bare our hearts and our souls, because we believe this knowledge and power will not be exploited. We want to have confidence in the doctor's dedication to us."

But the doctors' refusal to operate and treat non-emergency cases shakes up the whole system. The patient, says the sociologist, learns that he cannot remain relatively passive. "The patient rights movement in this country has received a boost. People turn to 'alternative medicine' like acupuncture, homeopathy and chiropractors. It is a positive thing when people take their health into their own hands."

DESPITE THIS "positive development," Prof. Shuvai is discouraged by the state of the public health system. She herself has sat on many

producing the obsolete public health system we're saddled with, she explains. "We have a unique interlocking structure of health services and political organizations, an outgrowth of a set of historic events that occurred well before the establishment of the state."

The system today is mainly divided between the Health Ministry, which inherited government hospitals and its supervisory capacity from the British Mandate authorities — and Kupat Holim Clalit. The British allowed the Yishuv to worry about its own health and welfare services; the Histadrut, in turn, was assigned the job, says Prof. Shuvai.

"It was a very advanced health system at the time — universal and comprehensive care." But over the years, once the state was established, the health system became entrenched by the political system. "The interests of the Histadrut and the Labour Party were to keep it under their control. It was a growing empire," notes Shuvai.

The ministry is in the awkward position of being both the provider and the supervisor of services. It has had neither time or energy to establish a health services planning authority, she continues. "The State Comptroller, in his last report, said that the ministry doesn't know how many doctors and nurses there are, or where they work; he also wrote about the terrible amount of duplication and waste."

"I don't want to sound like a reactionary, but competition can improve quality of services. There seems to be an impressive trend of people moving from the Histadrut health fund to the four smaller funds in the hope of getting better service. Maccabi, for instance, is now going to the development towns to compete with Clalit for new members. Members may not be leaving Clalit in droves, but the trend is clear."

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DEPENDENT ON the weather, the commercial centres of the small towns of Israel are either sun-drenched or windswept, but always they are the centre, where the pulse is evident in the way the people move.

The elderly, like the elderly everywhere, move slowly, often in pairs, from bench to shade, tree to bench. The small as children everywhere, skip and traipse around, run and shout.

But neither the very old nor the very young are the people who make a town's heart beat. The pulse is dictated by those between 20 and 30, those starting out with hopes and expectations and dreams, or as so often happens, who have discovered that the hopes were false, the expectations unrealistic, the dreams, nightmares.

Pick half a dozen of these people in their mid-20s and you'll hear half a dozen stories, each a version of life a different pace, another beat in the inevitably soft melody of a small town's rhythms.

Here's a young entrepreneurial type, who at 14 was already washing dishes in restaurants, hoping one day to have his own business and now planning to expand to a pub in Tel Aviv. There's a prematurely greying father of two, four months past the end of the dole, nibbling at peanuts while he waits for the bus to yet another training course that offers hope, if not work.

Here's a soldier, proud of his rank, with less than a month to go before he trades in his uniform for a job with the phone company, certain that there's work for whoever wants it. There's a young mother, worried about her children's future, worried about her husband's future, for like many in many such towns, there's only one real place to work and there are ugly rumours about fringes and worse, bankruptcy.

Here's a young man, a bit of real gold around his neck, Marlboros in his hand, nine months out of the army and already desperate, already blaming politicians or Arabs or Ashkenazim or whoever for the long wait for something, anything to happen. And there's another young mother, who prefers a book for her daughter rather than a new pair of boots for herself this winter.

IT COULD BE any town, but this week it was Beit Shemesh, which suffers, with a strange kind of self-assurance, the vultures who gather when disaster seems to loom. Beit Shemesh recognizes journalists and politicians from afar, recognizes those who parachute in for the morning or the afternoon, looking for quick fixes and easy solutions, stereotypes and archetypes.

But there's nothing really simple anywhere, not even in a town where everyone knows everyone else.

Esty Barazani laughs when she's asked whether there's a movie theatre in Beit Shemesh. "There," she points. "They're building one. Since I went to the army they've been building that." And how long has that been? "Nine years."

She's outside the Sahrai family's bakery. The two Sahrai sons had a little cafe and a video-game arcade, but the video-game arcade business has died out in these towns, because now you can have your own at home. And besides, the police didn't like to see kids inside.

So they put a small industrial oven in the video arcade and turned the cafe next door into a shop where they sell the cakes and pitot. People knot themselves into conversation there, discussing joblessness with ready quotes and a blame well-apportioned between Levantine fate and obvious conspiracy.

"They're always ready to hire Arabs," says Shlomo Edri. He's lost many a job in the nine months he's

# A nice place to live despite the problems

Robert Rosenberg and photographer Hanoth Guthmann go to Beit Shemesh



Yehuda Ben-Simon with Dudik Gozlan at Ben-Simon's cafe.



Shimon Azulay speaks as Shlomo Edri listens.

been out of the army. "Two months here, three months there. Now I'm on a training course. To work in hotels."

But the hotels are in Tel Aviv. He'd be happy to work there, but someone has to take care of his parents, and not until his younger brother gets out of the army will Shlomo be able to leave home, get out of the house and out of Beit Shemesh.

And even then, Esty Barazani snaps, "You'll go to Tel Aviv and spend your salary on the rent."

"Or on the girls," says Shimon Azulay, using a more vulgar word than girl, and nudging the stranger, whose very presence on the doorstep of this small shop in the shade of the commercial centre is symbolic of all the opportunity unavailable in Beit Shemesh, symbolic of all the

opportunity for everything in the city.

BUT THERE IS a local patriotism, a sense of place, and at least the possibility of participation in local affairs that can be as easily evaded by an outsider from a big city. Even if it's a question of blaming someone, there are recognizable people in city hall, an ugly three-storey cinderblock building at the eastern end of the commercial centre, a grey shadow partially blocking the morning sun.

Zahava Sahrai is involved in her daughter's school. Esty Barazani is involved in the community centre, which has been closed for several months because the previous director — "well, let's just say there were irregularities and they still haven't found anyone new."

Even Shlomo Edri knows someone inside the city hall building, even if it's someone he hates, "an outsider, who doesn't understand the people here, doesn't know us." And after all, he points "they have to know what's in our hearts to help us."

BUT WHAT CAN help Beit Shemesh while the engine plant teeters on the verge of closure, the government teeters on the verge of indecision, and Stef Wertheimer isn't ready to teeter for years, waiting to take over and get things going.

Yehuda Ben-Simon has answers, but that's not surprising. He's a businessman and a town booster, at 24 already the owner of a good business — a bourekas joint, where on Thursday nights the tables are crowded with guys filling out the

football pools, and on Saturday nights he waits to open until Shabbat is over, knowing that his tables will be crowded again as each of the league games is discussed and rehashed, replayed in the minds of his customers.

He waits until Shabbat is over because he believes in tradition, but across the plaza are truer believers than that. There's a synagogue for the newly repentant, and Ben-Simon slightly lowers his voice to explain that "there's a movement, but it's happening everywhere, not just here. And it's not so bad, guys who were, well, let's say unstable, let's say maybe even involved in some things, well, you know — they have a crisis in life and they get involved in religion. And that's not so bad, that's really not so bad. They straighten out, and that's okay."

"See that one," he says. "You can tell he was into bad stuff. And now, he's doing okay. He has a shop, two shops actually."

There's work for anyone who's ready to work, and rent's only \$100 a month, "furnished." Ben-Simon has family, lots of it, actually sort of a tribe, he admits, and they stick together, help each other out, and it especially helps that he has relatives inside city hall, which is information he doesn't so much volunteer as admit with a smile.

Ben-Simon's friend from the army comes by, and with a snap of the fingers, there's a Turkish on the white plastic table for Dudik Gozlan, who has barely a month to go before he's finally out and ready to make a career in Bezek, just like his older brother, just the way his father had insisted.

"Maybe my father never finished high school in Morocco, but he made sure we all went to school, good schools. So when I was 14 I knew what I wanted. I went to the Bezek high school in Jerusalem, a boarding school, a good school, and I knew where I was going in the army and now I know where I'm going when I get out."

He takes a sip of coffee and smiles easily. "I'm no extremist, neither this way nor that. This is a good place. I'm not about to say, 'Move here.' I'm not going to say give up the town for the village. But this is a good place with good people. Some of my friends already have work, some will take some time searching, but they'll all find it. Something will turn up, because if you're ready to work, there's always work to be had."

SO WHOM DO you believe, which beat do you move to? Ben-Simon and Gozlan have faith, in themselves as well as tradition. Edri and Azulay are running out of faith, in the system and, as tragedy goes, maybe even in themselves. And the two women, two mothers with small children in whom they see themselves years ago and years from now, have their lives in this small town at the bottom of the hill from Jerusalem.

There was a time when Beit Shemesh was synonymous with all the ethnic rage and political hostility that has washed over the country in the last 10 years.

"Time takes care of a lot of things," says Gozlan, the soon-to-be telephone man. "Time takes care of everything. Things used to be primitive here. Yes, it's true. But now, this is a town, like towns everywhere."

"People work and get married and have children and the children go to school. And parents want the best for their children and there are people who know that the best means education, a profession, a skill. Time takes care of everything. And this is a nice place to live. With all the problems, it's a nice place to live."



## The people of the poster

Haim Shapiro

THE POSTERS in the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem re-joining at the death of archeologist Yigal Shilo may have come as a shock to many of the city's non-haredi residents, but not to Professor Menachem Friedman of Bar Ilan University. On the contrary, he was expecting them.

Friedman, who has made an exhaustive study of the posters in the ultra-Orthodox quarter, said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* that posters play a unique role in Mea Shearim.

To explain the phenomenon, he noted that for the traditional Jewish society in the Diaspora, without any physical power, words have been the traditional — indeed the only — weapon.

"I really gave it to him," or various similar expressions in Yiddish, express satisfaction that one has expressed one's anger or opposition. Friedman himself recalls his own mother using such epithets.

Friedman, whose findings are to be published soon in a book entitled *Poster People*, under the auspices of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, noted that there is another factor in the use of posters: the very developed literacy of the population.

THE POSTERS are not like those of China, which serve as a form of communication between the people and the authorities. Only rarely, as in the case of Yigal Shilo, are posters in Mea Shearim directed at the outside world.

"These are people who cannot pass by without reading the written word," he said, "although they may not notice other things going on in the street."

Finally, he added, the residents of Mea Shearim and the surrounding areas are acquainted with the particular language in which the posters are written, which is rich in words and phrases from traditional Jewish sources.

For them, he said, the posters take the place occupied by the media in the outside society. The posters give information, warnings and polemics.

For example, when local residents were concerned that an alleged sex offender from the U.S., a member of the *haredi* community, had taken

refuge from prosecution in New York by coming to Israel, notice immediately went up in the neighborhood warning parents to keep their children away from the man.

A more common subject of poster polemics is female modesty. Recently, there was a bitter attack on women who wear shoes with "flood heels." This, said the authors of the poster, a self-proclaimed "Committee for Modesty," caused women to call attention to themselves. It advised women with such shoes to have a strip of rubber nailed across the heels.

Often the posters are unsigned, although Friedman said it is sometimes possible to discern from the language who the authors are. He added that it is not unusual for provocateurs to deliberately use the language of another group in an effort to discredit a rival group.

Then in turn, he said, one can see posters go up with the words, "It was not we who said..."

HAVE THE posters changed in content over the years? "Not really," said Friedman. But there are more posters than ever before, thanks in part to cheaper paper and more advanced and less costly printing techniques.

Nor he said, do the residents of the homes and shops abutting Rehov Mea Shearim, the main street on which the posters are pasted, have any control over what appears on their outside walls.

It is a society which is far from monolithic, he stressed. That is why "the rabbis" could not have stopped the poster concerning Shilo from appearing. Indeed, that is why it is so difficult to control any violence, verbal or physical, in the ultra-Orthodox sector.

Even to speak of "the rabbis" is itself evidence of a lack of understanding of the dynamics of this group, since it is often the most respected religious leaders who are the most extreme in their views.

There is a saying, he said, which is usually attributed to the late Satmar Rebbe, although it is so piquant that virtually every Haredi claims that his own rebbe first said it.

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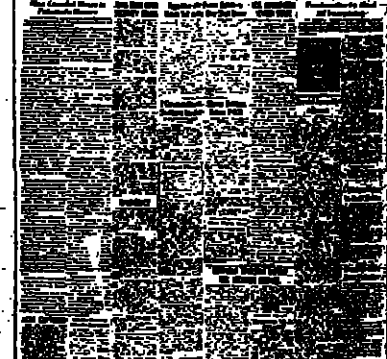
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## Yohanan Meroz says anti-Semitism is increasing in Germany

TWO MONTHS AGO, the Federal Republic of Germany was shaken by what many consider the worst political scandal it has ever experienced. It had all the ingredients of a gripping thriller, culminating in the mysterious death, in a Geneva hotel bath-tub of its central figure, Uwe Barschel, the prime minister of Schleswig-Holstein, one of the 11 federated states of the republic.

Whether he died from natural causes, by accident, murder or his own hand, is still inconclusively debated, as are other aspects of the sordid case, which comprises everything from accusations of corruption and calumny to phone-bugging and bribery.

The charge that something was rotten in the state of Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark's southern neighbor, was first levelled, and at great length, by *Der Spiegel*. Not surprisingly, the widely-read weekly became the target of wrathful counter-charges from Barschel's political friends and supporters who attribute his death, directly or indirectly, to what they allege to be a politically-motivated mud-slinging campaign.

These allegations are of no greater concern to me than are the substantive issues involved. What is, however, profoundly disturbing is the public reaction as expressed in letters to the editor of *Der Spiegel* under headlines such as "A Jewish-Augstein campaign of hatred."

Whether Rudolf Augstein, publisher and editor-in-chief of the journal, is of Jewish descent I do not know, nor is it important. The subject has obviously no "Jewish" significance. Injecting a Jewish angle into the debate is shameful and sadly reminiscent of days that optimists

## The return of the Jewish scapegoat

had lightly relegated to the remote, almost forgotten past.

THIS IS NO domestic German matter. It should, of course, make Germans sit up, but it concerns the whole world — Jews and Israelis more than the rest. Once again, a scapegoat is called for, no matter how ridiculous the charge. Once again it is available. German anti-Semitism, apparently, does not require even the pretext of "provocation."

The impenetrable Barschel affair is only one of the dozens of examples that could and should be cited of the fallacy of the concept of conciliation between the German and Jewish peoples.

The most significant, perhaps, is the so-called historians' dispute which revolves around the thesis, advanced by some of them, that the Nazi regime did no more than take over and develop further an already existing system of "Asian" cruelty, introduced by and practised in the Soviet Union.

German visitors to Israel, pleasingly numerous, often voice their consternation and shame at the growing drift towards obliteration,

and the signs of recurrent nationalistic hatred in their country. In fact, in coming here many are motivated by their desire to show that most Germans dissociate themselves from this ominous trend, and that is probably so — at least for the time being. It is, however, equally true that in recent years, the trend has gained momentum; anti-Semitism and other forms of xenophobia are on the increase.

THIS IS all the more perplexing as there is no external "excuse," economic or otherwise, that might explain the recrudescence of the evil. The suspicion harboured by countless Jews — and non-Jews, too — that the ills of Germany are endemic and incurable is given fresh nourishment; but even those who do not take quite so pessimistic a view cannot fail to ask serious questions.

The laudable endeavours of guidance and education that excellent men and women in the Federal Republic have engaged in for decades seem to have fallen short of their objective. Has there been only a brief remission of the disease, leaving the roots intact?

Some people will tell you, in all

sincerity, that there is less anti-Semitism in the Federal Republic today than almost anywhere else. Statistically that may be so, but then, no other country has a German past.

One single sign of evil, one single anti-Semitic letter to an editor, one defilement of a Jewish tombstone, should generate a public outcry — and there have been hundreds, if not thousands, such occurrences that have remained without response, except, perhaps, for an attempt to shrug them off as puerile acts of no consequence.

ISRAELIS are frequently accused of exaggerated sensitivity where Germany is concerned. They have not only the right, but the duty, to be sensitive, and the charge of exaggeration is an affront to the suffering of the Jewish people at the hands of the Germans.

Many of us have said yes to a new beginning not without great reluctance and grave doubts. The onus of dispelling these rests with Germany — with her politicians, writers, educators and, in the last instance, with her judges.

Those who supported Ben-Gurion and others 35 years ago are entitled to know that their trust was neither misplaced nor abused. Verbal assurances are not sufficient; fine words butter no parsnips.

For her own sake, and probably for that of others, but first and foremost for her relations with Jews and their state, Germany is expected to prove at all times that she has learned the lesson of a terrible past. If she does not live up to that expectation, she must be reminded again and again.

The writer is a former ambassador to the Federal German Republic.

## David Brown looks at 'misunderstandings' between Christians and Jews

AS SOMEONE who cares deeply about relationships between Jews and Christians, and especially between Jews and Catholics, I was saddened and alarmed by two articles that appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* on November 20, because they seemed to blur the rapprochement that has so happily developed between us in recent years.

My aim in writing is to make clear what we Catholics have offered in terms of friendship, and to make equally clear what we are unable to offer, so that there should be no illusions in our relationship. At the same time, I write as an individual, expressing a personal view.

The first of the two articles was by Haim Shapiro, and described a statement by Cardinal Ratzinger that Judaism found its fulfilment in Christianity as "seeming to bring back to square one the entire realm of Jewish-Catholic relations."

May I take the liberty of repeating the cardinal's statement, as reported in *The Jerusalem Post*? For it includes several points that are essential to that elusive understanding that is a vital prerequisite to progress in Jewish-Christian relations.

"The Pope has offered respect. His Eminence was quoted as saying, 'but also has a theological line. This always implies our union with the faith of Abraham, but also the reality of Jesus Christ, in which the faith of Abraham finds its fulfilment.'"

This is a simple statement of unalterable Christian belief, namely, that we owe you a huge debt of gratitude as members of the Jewish people, from whom we believe our faith stems, and that our acceptance of Jesus as Messiah is the acceptance of a quintessential Jew, nurtured in the unalterable truths of the Torah, which, to quote him, he did not come to change.

I think I understand several reasons why Jews cannot accept this as a premise today, but the point at issue here is not our respectful disagreement over the person and teachings of Jesus, but the perplexing conclusion that the reiteration by the cardinal of a fundamental

tenet of Christian belief has brought Jewish-Christian relations back to square one. It was never up for debate in Jewish-Christian relations.

PERHAPS THE use of the title Jesus Christ is partly to blame for blurring the central point in the cardinal's statement. There never was a person known in his lifetime as Jesus Christ. Christ is the English equivalent of "Anointed One" and used by the Evangelists as the closest equivalent to Messiah, which would have required continual and lengthy definition for gentile readers.

The title, rather than the name, of the central person in this perennial controversy should properly be Jesus, the Christ, or Jesus, the Messiah. This might make it plain that there is no question of a modification, let alone a rejection, of this crucial belief by Christians.

Any suggestion that "Judasim" was vanquished and rejected after the coming of Jesus, a supposed teaching cited in the article, is a theological contradiction, for it would suggest not merely that the very foundations of Christianity were suspect, but that God was not consistent in what he revealed.

Far from rejecting Judaism, Christianity depends utterly on the faith of Abraham, a point simply illustrated by the fact that the Christian Bible begins with Genesis and continues throughout the Hebrew Bible and what we have come to call the New Testament, to the book of revelations, to the apostle John, a former Jewish fisherman.

## An open letter to my elder brothers

John as uncircumcised children, to the puzzlement of most Christians to references in their own scriptures to such items as phylacteries, and, most important of all, the astonishing lack of awareness on the part of followers of Jesus of his unmistakably Jewish stand, his clearly rabbinical style, and his insistence that he had come, first and foremost, for his own people.

RABBI PELI wrote, with reference to Jewish-Christian dialogue, that "the truth may be painful at times, but no real peace can be achieved without facing it."

I am not suggesting that Jews, given their convictions, which I respect, immediately accept the truth of the apology I have presented, but I do ask that they accept the truth that this is what Christians believe, because it seems to be unclear in the minds of many of the Church's Jewish critics. Such acceptance would, as I have said, help in our understanding of each other.

Finally, Christians might debate an exact interpretation of Rabbi Peli's assertion that Judaism and Christianity are not one and the same but they would wholeheartedly agree with his emphatic statement that the latter did not come to supplant the former. "The mother must not die for the daughter to live," he wrote.

"Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law and the Prophets," Jesus said, in answer to that same statement in the Second Temple period. "I have not come to destroy but to fulfil."

With deep respect to Rabbi Peli, the mother did not die in giving birth to the daughter: she lives still, and we cherish her. We Christians must be helped to know her better, the better to love her. Those of us who have come to see the Jewish people as our elder brothers and sisters are completely sincere in this happy discovery. We regret only the blurring of our uncertain moves towards mutual understanding.

The writer is a freelance Catholic journalist and broadcaster.



## Luxury care for the disabled

MOST PEOPLE who daily pass a huge complex of partially constructed interlocking octagonal units on a choice piece of land overlooking the Knesset in Jerusalem probably think it is just another five-star hotel or a luxurious apartment building for wealthy foreigners.

In fact, the multi-million-dollar complex — whose first, upper section opens today — is the Jerusalem Variety Centre for Child and Family Development, and its main beneficiaries are handicapped youngsters and their harried parents. The centre will be the address for one out of 10 babies born in the city every year with a visible or latent disability, and for older children who will be helped to live with their handicaps.

The opening is an appropriate 20th anniversary present for the Israel branch of Variety, which — due to the initial founding of Variety in the U.S. by show business personalities — has an unjustified image of being a club for the rich with time on their hands.

The volunteer organization was actually founded in 1927 as a social club, but it found its purpose when, a year later, a one-month-old baby girl named Catherine was left on a seat in the Pittsburgh Sheridan Square Theatre by her mother, who pinned this note to her dress:

*Please take care of my baby. Her name is Catherine. I can no longer take care of her. My husband is out of work. She was born on Thanksgiving Day. I have always heard of the goodness of show business, and I pray to God that you will look out for her. (Signed) A Heartbroken Mother.*

Unable to locate her parents, the theatre owner — who was a member of the social club — decided to raise her and finance her education. Renamed "Catherine Variety Sheridan," she grew, received foster parents at the age of five and eventually married and had her own family. She is now 59 years old and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and as a registered nurse in Vietnam. She takes great pride in the fact that she "was responsible for starting Variety."

THE ORGANIZATION today has 65 offices in 11 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Switzerland, the People's Republic of China and — for the last two decades — Israel.

Ora Tevet, director of Variety Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Variety is not well known here because the volunteers have invested their efforts in helping needy children rather than seeking publicity. But now they are stepping out of their anonymity and turning to the public, both in Israel and abroad, for contributions to finish the \$6 million Variety centre, which has been in the building stage since 1980.

A festive dinner marking the 20th anniversary will be held at the Tel Aviv Hilton on Sunday in the presence of President Chaim Herzog, who was the first "Chief Barker" (chairman) of Variety Tent 51 in Israel. One of the guests will be the newly chosen Miss Universe, who represented Austria in the beauty competition. The cost per couple is NIS 500.

Tevet notes that this dinner will be an exception to the organiza-

tion's rule of avoiding fanfare. "We have not had a banquet for 10 years."

The top floor of the Jerusalem Variety Centre will house administrative offices that will supervise its various projects around the country and the continuing construction of the whole centre.

Tevet said that the government originally committed itself to substantial sums for building the centre, but these were withdrawn as budget cuts were made. As a result, Variety has had to turn to private donors to finish the building. "We are ready to name the centre after someone who can provide us with the remaining \$2.5 million," she says. "It's a bargain, as the whole project is worth \$5 million, plus \$1 million for the plot of land donated by the Jerusalem Municipality."

Judy Siegel

IN ITS 20 years of activity, Variety Israel has helped 3,000 individual children who "fell between the chairs" of government and other voluntary organizations. Tevet offers some of these case histories as examples:

"Danny was born to a mentally ill mother and a mentally retarded father. When he was two, his mother was hospitalized. There was no one to help take care of him at home and no money to send him to a day-care centre. Variety Israel paid a helper to come to his house five days a week, which saved him from being sent away."

Gaby was seriously wounded by a grenade when he was six. His right arm was amputated, the left was useless and he was blinded. After a long period of hospitalization and years of missing school, he was sent to the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem. Variety paid for transportation to and from school and hired a private tutor to help him catch up on the work he had missed.

Raphael suffered from epilepsy, blindness and diabetes, and his family was very poor. In order to make it possible for him to go to school, Variety sent a nurse to his home every morning to give him insulin injections.

Naomi was born with a deformed right hand. Variety bought her a sewing machine and financed a sewing course.

Erez is a dwarf who needed hormone treatments that his family couldn't afford. Variety is now paying for these treatments.

Adina suffers from a severe congenital defect of the mouth that costs tens of thousands of shekels to repair. Variety is paying for the surgical and dental work, giving her the chance to grow up to be a normal young woman.

Sima is a victim of the genetic blood disease thalassemia, and the constant blood transfusions that keep her alive cause a buildup of iron in her body that endangers various body organs. Her mother is unmarried, and for years Sima lived in a baby home. Today she has foster parents. Variety purchased a special pump that infuses a drug that removes the extra iron from her body.

Mazal, despite her name, has little luck. At the age of four, a tumour was found in her kidneys.

Both were removed, and she received a kidney transplant. As a result of continued treatment with antibiotics, she became deaf. Variety helps finance a teacher to help her learn to speak. She is now an outstanding pupil in school.

The Variety Centre in Jerusalem will be the natural refuge for help for children like these. It was initiated and will be run by Professor Alex Russel, longtime head of the department of pediatrics and child care at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem.

The centre, located on a 6,000-square-metre tract of land, will offer a variety of facilities for numerous handicaps. It will provide evaluation and diagnosis of disorders, treatment of the child and guidance of the family on coping with the problem, rehabilitation, training and education. Research will also be conducted on psychological and mental problems, physical disabilities, and social problems like neglect, child abuse and deprivation.

SINCE MANY handicapped children suffer from more than one disorder, the parents will not have to go from one institution to another in order to get help. Everything a child needs will be a few steps away. The aim of the complex is to allow for the child's graduated transfer to a normal educational framework — called "mainstreaming." To help achieve this, the complex will house a nursery school for non-handicapped children that handicapped children can attend as soon as they are ready for a normal setting.

Children are usually referred for help by the neighbourhood *tipat ha-lav* (mother and child clinic). For years, Prof. Russell and his assistants have run a diagnostic and treatment facility in crowded quarters at Beit Strauss in Jerusalem. This will move to and be expanded in the new centre.

The centre will be comprised of 15 basic building units, which form an octagonal pattern of rooms and arcades built according to a flexible, functionally oriented design. A central patio is the heart of each unit, which is in close proximity to the park and pool area. The units are set aside for deafness, autism, visual handicaps, neuro-muscular impairment, mental retardation, speech therapy, growth and nutritional disorders and the like. The neuro-muscular impairment section will have a salt-water pool to encourage "weightless" cultivation of movement that will increase the handicapped youngsters' feeling of self-confidence in their movement.

A unit for dental prevention and conservation work for all types of handicapped youngsters is also being planned. At a later stage, a family residential and observational centre will be built to accommodate six families in separate small apartments. There will be a salon, dining room and kitchen common to all. This space will be vital not only for families living outside Jerusalem, says Tevet, but also for cases of Jerusalemites whom the professionals want to observe for relatively long periods with their children. Watching these parent-child interactions can help them to counsel families on dealing with problem youngsters.

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## When the sap runs out

THE resolutions adopted by the National Religious Party's convention late Thursday night were correctly hailed as a victory for the party's right wing, led by Yitzhak Shapiro. Only Shapiro's rival, Ze'evulun Hammer, one of the original architects of the NRP's rightward lurch after 1967, insisted otherwise despite the party's failure to endorse the Camp David agreements as a basis for future negotiations.

The convention's refusal to endorse "transfer" of the population in the territories, and unilateral annexation of the land itself, as official party policy reflected its continuing moderate stance, Hammer argued.

The truth is, as some of the politically enfeebled old-timers at the convention confirmed, that the National Religious Party is far beyond the point of no-return to its ideological origins. Despite Hammer's fair-haired euphemisms, the Mizrahi tradition is not only dead and buried, but also discredited in the party. The only party that still sees virtue in that tradition is Labour, for its own desperation leads it to sentimentalize that past partnership.

Historically, the NRP was always sorely beset by factionalism. But those divisions did not necessarily rest on ideological difference. The dual commitment to Zionism and Halacha rallied the disparate parts, especially at a time of national rebirth, against the anti-Zionist religious right and the anti-religious Zionist left.

But there was an inherent dilemma. The orthodox right claimed exclusive religious legitimacy and the secular left exclusive Zionist legitimacy. To retain its identity and following, the Mizrahi movement had to fend off both challenges. It succeeded until 1967. Through its partnership with Labour, it gained recognition by the Zionist centre and exclusive stewardship of the state's established religious institutions.

The formula crumbled after the Six-Day War. A younger generation looked to conquest through settlement of the entire Land of Israel as its opportunity to purchase the Zionist birthright and to ultra orthodoxy as the means of purchasing Halachic authenticity. These trends eventually sundered the links with Labour, splintered the party and eroded the ideological basis for its separate identity.

Its Greater Israel nationalism it must share with Herut, whose claim is older, and Tehiya, itself a part NRP secession. And its Halachic conservatism it must share with Aguda, untainted by the embrace of Zionism, and Shas, also a part NRP secession.

Only the deformities of the Israeli party system, which grant coalition parties vast areas of well-nigh permanent patronage, keep the NRP alive, not as a movement, but as a political network presiding over vast tangible assets. Detached from its past and its distinctive identity, the NRP has become a neurotic appendage of Israel's political and religious right wings, with a body but no soul of its own.

## The favourite culprit

PRODDED by the press-baiting instincts of Mr. Shamir and some of his cabinet colleagues, an assortment of ministerial spokesmen, gathered together by the premier's own image specialist, has decided to lay the blame for Israel's unpopularity around the world this past fortnight upon the reporting of events rather than upon the events themselves. The foreign press corps in Israel, especially the TV newsmen, are the forum's prime target.

Comparison is made to 1982 and the war in Lebanon. That comparison no doubt derives from anxious reports from Israeli diplomats abroad noting that the damage done to Israel's image by the camera footage showing the troops manhandling Arab rioters matches that previous low.

It is a comparison the forum of spokesmen should be the first to avoid. For one of the principal causes of the mauling rendered Israel's image even in the very first stages of that war was the ineptitude of Israel's spokesmen, especially the military spokesmen. Once the pattern was set, there was no repair. After that, the events themselves eluded all image-making virtuosity, had it existed.

Today, as well, it is possible to identify an original failure of "spokesmanship" with regard to the Arab demonstrations, but of a different kind. It has to do not with image-making, but the much more important and immediate matter of direct communication with the population in the territories.

By all accounts, the catalyst of what the Arabs now call their uprising was Gaza. And the catalyst for the riots in Gaza was rumour, especially the rumour that four Gazans were killed by an Israeli truck which deliberately struck them.

Now if anything should be the subject of urgent attention by spokesmen it is events like these. But no such attention was displayed. No concerted effort, sensitive to Gaza's susceptibility to vicious rumour, was mounted to impose the truth upon untruth. No military spokesman and no prime ministerial spokesman, let alone ministers themselves, rushed in to douse the fire by communicating clearly and forcefully to an already aroused population.

Such spokesmanship, which deals not with images abroad but furies at the doorstep, apparently has no address.

In any case, more points are always scored with ministers, who themselves manipulate the media to play to the crowd, by maligning the press for doing its job than by examining the failures of spokesmanship.

# Coalition's head-in-the-sand policy

Gabi Sheffer

SOME 50 years ago, the Palestinian Arabs launched a nationalist uprising that became known as the Arab Riots or Rebellion. The general consensus today holds that they had many causes rather than a single one.

Some of the deeper reasons were related to political developments within the Palestinian Arab community. Some concerned growing national feelings throughout the Arab world. The accelerated growth of the Jewish national home also gave the Arab revolt impetus. But a lot depended on the behaviour of the British colonialists, who had prevented the Arabs from achieving their national goals.

An analogy to recent developments among Palestinians in Israel and the territories is inescapable. The semantic definition of recent events is unimportant: Whether the violent incidents should be called "sporadic outbursts," "civil disobedience," "organized demonstrations and protests," or "rebellion" is irrelevant. The recent events have been the clearest symptom of an overwhelming sense of national frustration.

THERE IS NO doubt that the clashes with Israeli police and military were partly spontaneous and partly organized. The initiative came from within the community and from abroad. This is neither surprising nor indicative of the authenticity and seriousness of the acts of despair. In this context, both younger and older Israelis should remember that the rebellious Jewish national movement in Palestine was organized and that nothing was left to chance. In the final analysis, this is the nature of all national movements.

One should make a clear distinction between pretexts for unrest and its deeper causes. The pretexts for the recent violent events were the semi-trailer accident in the Gaza Strip in which four Gazans were killed, Sharon's new apartment in East Jerusalem, the anniversary of the UN partition vote on November 29, etc. These were only the triggers for wider, popular participation - mere signposts on the Palestinian's road toward national self-determination.

Rainstorms, economic considerations, demonstrators' fatigue, or more efficient Israeli policing may

result only in temporary calm. These are not solutions. Until now, the Palestinians and Israeli Arabs have maintained a relatively low profile; they lack effective leadership, and on many occasions their acts have been initiated by organizations outside of the territories. Despite all that, there is no doubt that the Palestinians are fed up with Israeli occupation. And as the political experience of the 20th century, including that of the Jews, has shown, nothing can suppress the striving for self-determination, not even an "iron fist" policy.

THE PROCESS of radicalization and the growing fundamentalism among both Sunnis and Shi'ites in the region only add to the gravity of the problem. The recent summit in Amman and the rapprochement between King Hussein and Arafat most likely spurred the rioters on. But whatever the other factors influencing the Palestinians' behaviour, no one should overlook Isra-

el's substantial contribution to the Palestinians' frustration. The "iron fist" policy of the last three years has caused great bitterness. No amount of recommendations by past and present Israeli "experts" on terrorism can extinguish the nationalist fire raging in the territories. Even the greater autonomy proposed by moderates would only buttress Israel's continued occupation, the Palestinians understand quite well.

The Palestinians' rabid hostility toward Israel is fuelled by the continued presence of settlements and the lack of any proposal for peace-talks that would include them in a way they consider meaningful: they reject proposals by the prime minister and the foreign minister for an international conference, autonomy in Gaza first, and direct talks with Arab governments.

AS LONG AS Israel is deadlocked by its coalition, there is no chance for any change in regard to the Palestinians.

More than any other single factor, the Shamir-Rabin axis is the basis for the national unity government.

Shamir needs Rabin to ensure the status quo in the territories and to keep Sharon away from the Ministry of Defence. Rabin needs Shamir to maintain the national unity government and hence his hold on the defence portfolio. He also needs the coalition to neutralize his own opponents in Labour - particularly his rival, Shimon Peres.

This coalition is responsible for the "ostrich" policy regarding the territories and the stalemate in the peace process.

Only Peres could have broken up this coalition and ended the stalemate. For his own reasons, which remain unclear, he has not been willing to do so. Nor will he, apparently, after the next elections. Unless there is a major shift of power in these elections, we can only expect more heads in the sand. In that case, the Arab rebellion is likely to grow. Whether the Palestinians or the Israelis will break first is anybody's guess.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### HANUKKA PRESENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In her article of December 11, Martha Meisels writes: "One of the joys of living in Israel is that there is no need to inflate Hanukka out of proportion in order to compete with Christmas." She then goes into a full page of inflating Hanukka by citing with delight all kinds of extravagant presents available for Israeli children. In fact, "...it's not such a trauma to spend NIS 100 on a more conventional toy."

Does it really matter whether we inflate Hanukka in order to compete with Christmas, or because the standard of Hanukka presents has been pushed to a level completely out of proportion to the salaries earned by the average person?

It is time to return to the simpler Hanukka of yesteryear. We gave wonderful presents to our children and grandchildren; we laughed a lot as we played together with all kinds of toys, board games and books. We

ate potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts well into the evening. We had a thoroughly enjoyable holiday without considering the expenditure of NIS 82 for a Dreamland castle, NIS 125 for a Toyota truck, up to NIS 230 for Austrian-made wooden toys, or NIS 255 for a Fisher-Price kitchen unit.

LUCILLE KRIEGER

Kfar Sava.

Martha Meisels comments: I was merely reporting on current market trends and the remark about "it's not such a trauma..." was a direct quote from an importer, not my own opinion.

As for competition with Christmas, Hanukka gift-giving - whatever the value people feel they can afford - is still pretty well restricted to gifts for children, and not a general exchange of gifts among adults as well, as is customary in Christian countries at Christmas time.

### AMERICAN OLIM IN WEST BANK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I would like to correct a few points made by Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur, according to your report of December 11.

One of the figures he gave was that "in the past four years, only 406 American immigrants..." had settled in the West Bank. Neve Aliza, a neighbourhood in Givat Shimon, has 91 families totalling over 500 people. If you subtract the 20 per cent of olim from other countries, and Americans who made aliya more than four years ago, you are still left with 400 people who are American and who have made aliya to the West Bank in the past four years.

I find it extremely hard to believe that all American olim who live in the West Bank are in Neve Aliza. I also wonder whether Ya'acov Tsur's figures include places like Gillo,

Ramat and Ramot Eshkol, all considered the West Bank and all with very high densities of recent American olim.

Ya'acov Tsur's statistical mistake is easy to understand. Most American olim do not step off the plane and take a taxi to a house or apartment in the West Bank. They usually stay in an absorption centre or a rented apartment while they plan their purchase. This usually takes two to three years and during this time, these olim register with the ministry of interior as living in some non-West Bank town or city.

Ya'acov Tsur should check the current registered address of all recent olim and not the address they first used when they entered the country.

HENRY NUSSBACHER

Givat Shimon.

### HANUKKA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - For thousands of years, our people celebrated the holiday of Hanukka as a victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks who wanted to uproot the Sabbath observance. For almost 2,000 years, the Jewish people spread throughout the Diaspora recited the prayer on Hanukka proclaiming victory of the Jews over the Greeks.

Now, 2,000 years later, in the land of Israel and in the holy city of Jerusalem, Jewish people themselves are fighting to uproot the observance of the Sabbath. The question arises: are we Jews or Greeks? With whom do we associate ourselves - with the Maccabees or the Greeks?

ZEVI SIROTA

Bnei Brak.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Arthur Cohen's letter of December 18 breathes some fresh air into the whole moral issue of granting real recognition to religious freedom for Reform Judaism in Israel. As Cohen correctly implies, the issue is whether the allies of Reform at the recent WCC will also come through for us in the Knesset.

My own son is about to wed his beloved and will not be able to do so in Israel unless and until Reform rabbis are allowed to practice here. The chief rabbinate will not approve any Reform rabbis to perform interfaith marriages, something which is common practice in the city where we come from in the U.S.

May I point out that the Reform Movement has done wonders to bring interfaith marriages under a Jewish canopy, something that they are currently being prevented from doing by Israel's antiquated system that allows only Orthodox standards to survive.

I want my son to marry in Israel and not travel abroad for his great day. That can only happen if and when the Reform Movement is allowed to practice in Israel. And that depends on the Labour Party and the Civil Rights Party coming through with their commitments.

ARTHUR WACHS

Jerusalem.

### POETRY IN ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - May I make my annual appeal to those writers of poetry in English to make their submissions to me for the 1988 issue of *Voices Israel*, our poetry anthology, not later than February 29, 1988, complying with the following rules:

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### THE LIBERAL LEFT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It is not easy for member of the much harangued "liberal left" to admit it, but Yisrael Medad, editor of *Counterpoint* and adviser to the Tehiya Knesset faction, makes a point ("Let's not kid ourselves," December 21).

A major fault of Israel's peace camp, he observes, is the stubborn refusal to view the conflict between Arabs and Jews over the occupied territories (my phrase) from the other side's ideological perspective. An example he selects is the recent discussion by spokesmen of the Greater Land of Israel orientation of the transfer of Arab citizens of the territories to other Arab countries. "The same voices that decry Dekel, Gandhi, et al.," writes Medad, "are the same that champion a dialogue with the PLO, an organization dedicated to the forced removal of 80 per cent of Israel's Jewish population. In vain," he continues, "will any observer look for an equal level of verbal abuse directed against the racism of the PLO by the liberal left."

The closing point is exaggerated but not vacant, and I for one would like to preclude its repetition. Let it be said therefore, on my own behalf and, I like to think, in the name of a significant segment of the "liberal

left," that indeed the PLO is every bit as awful, every bit as racist, bigoted and indifferent to the rights of others as the Greater Land of Israel movement.

That said, let the next parallel also be drawn. Since the PLO has expressed its willingness to negotiate with Israel, whose government includes and is itself not far removed from the position of the Greater Land of Israel movement, let us be no less courageous in affirming our readiness to negotiate with it.

Mr. Medad has an answer to this call. This idea, he remarks, "that one makes peace with one's enemies, not with one's friends, is woefully inadequate. The true political reply," he maintains, "must take into account that one makes war with one's enemies, too." Once again Mr. Medad would seem to be correct. Those are the choices. As I understand him, Mr. Medad prefers to make war with his enemies. As one who has publicly confessed to finding the PLO as abhorrent as the Greater Land of Israel movement, I no longer feel embarrassed to declare that I, and many of my colleagues over here on the bleeding heart left, prefer the other option.

WILLIAM FREEDMAN

Haifa.

### REDUCE EXPENSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I wholeheartedly support Hanna Zidon's suggestion to reduce the Knesset membership (Letters, December 17).

I would suggest that we also eliminate all deputy ministers and their

accompanying perks and prerogatives, as they constitute an unnecessary burden on the state budget, which means the taxpayer.

R. NEUMANN

Haifa.

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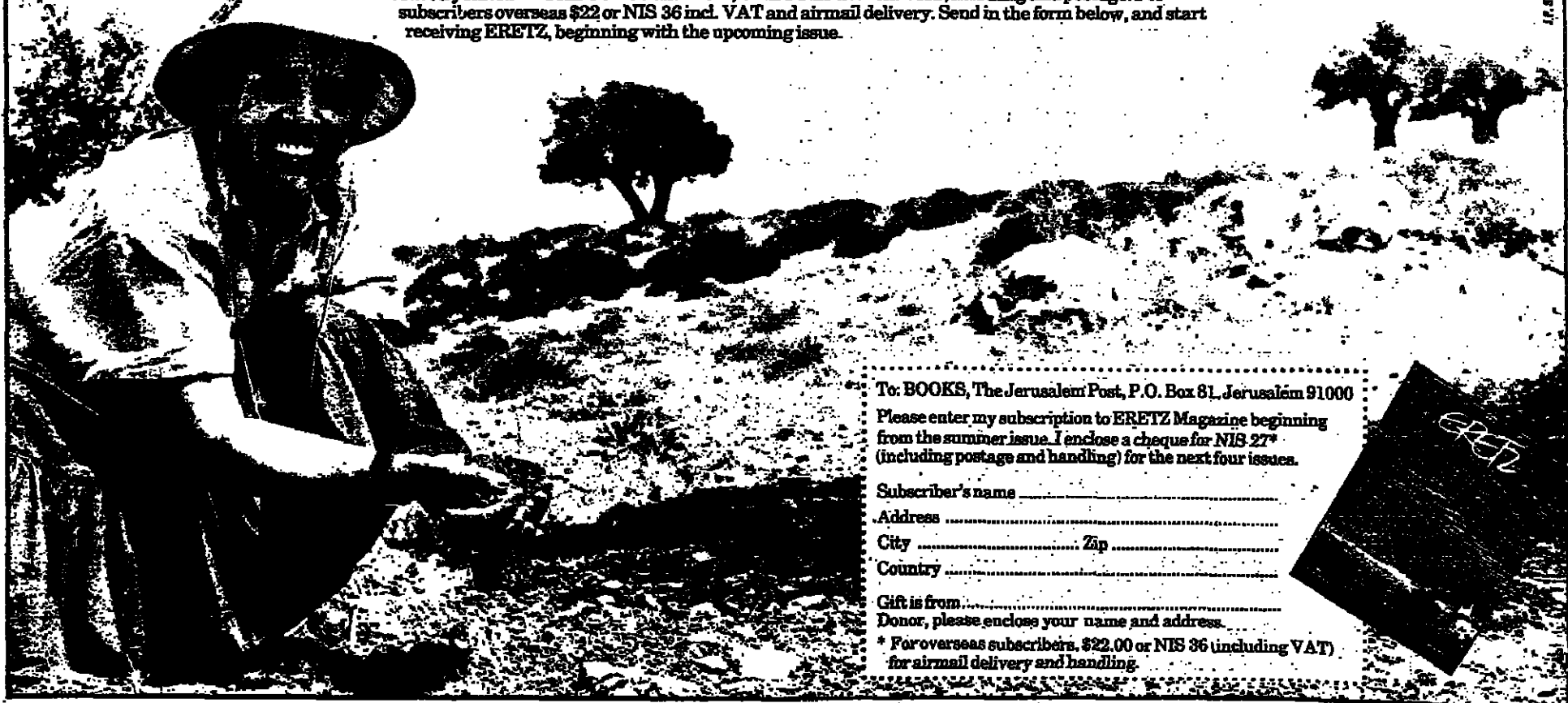
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# Awad: the crucial question

Elaine Ruth Fletcher

TO GUSH EMUNIM activist Elyakim Haetzni and the Ministry of Interior, Mubarak Awad is a "foreigner," a "subversive" and an "agitator."

To liberal Israelis and Americans he is a Palestinian "Gandhi" or "Martin Luther King."

To many hardened politicians, both Israeli and Palestinian, Awad is little more than a nuisance — his non-violent tactics viewed as child's play in the "serious" war of rocks, knives and petrol bombs being waged on the West Bank. But whatever the merits of the individual and his cause, the government's denial to Mubarak Awad of Jerusalem residency rights and the order for him to leave the country, raises some fundamental questions about the rights of thousands of Palestinians to live here after living for extended periods abroad.

Officially, at least, the Jerusalem-born Awad has been ordered to leave, not because he's been found guilty of any crime, but because after spending some 15 years in the U.S. and obtaining American citizenship, the government has ceased to consider him a resident here, and he is regarded as a tourist whose visa has expired.

Like other Palestinians no longer able to establish permanent residency here, he has instead travelled in and out of the country periodically on a tourist visa, coming and going some 30 times in the last four years, according to the Ministry of the Interior. He has spent almost all of his time here since 1985, when he established the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Nonviolence in East Jerusalem.

His case highlights the fact that Palestinians born here and living in the West Bank and Jerusalem are

subject to far stricter residency restrictions than Jews who may never obtain citizenship in Israel, but come and go virtually at will under the Law of Return all their lives.

The crucial difference is this: a Jew born abroad who had permanent residency here — but not citizenship — can always return here under the Law of Return even if he loses his residency status by staying abroad more than seven years, according to Yehoshua Kahane, director of the population registry at the Ministry of the Interior.

A Palestinian who overstays the seven-year limit, or fails to renew his residency permit periodically within that period, must apply for special permission to return here. And permission is granted only at the Interior Ministry's discretion.

Furthermore, Palestinians who obtain citizenship in the U.S. or elsewhere abroad, could have their Jerusalem or West Bank residency status revoked, according to the Ministry of Interior.

"It's an outrageous thing that a Palestinian who was born here, lived here, goes abroad, obtains citizenship, can lose his residence here through that device. It's another way of implementing a demographic change, a transfer," says Awad's lawyer, Jonathan Kuttab.

"There are tens of thousands of Palestinians who lose their residency here this way. They are treated as visitors here, not as citizens. The minute you go somewhere else, it's as if you had no connections here, no family, possessions, land or generations of forebears."

Among the estimated 6,000-8,000 American citizens residing *de facto* on the West Bank and in Jerusalem, many are here on tourist visas, says Kuttab.

He estimates that no more than several hundred of those American citizens have obtained tacit recognition as both Jerusalem residents and American citizens, by having their Jerusalem or West Bank identity card numbers stamped into their American passports.

Awad's Jerusalem identity card

"The man is not from here. He is a tourist." — Gush Emunim's Elyakim Haetzni on Palestinian Mubarak Awad.

was taken by the authorities last May.

"In reply to your request of May 17, 1985 to issue a new identity card to replace the damaged one, I wish to inform you that our review of your file revealed that you have resided in the United States of America, where you accepted permanent residency and citizenship."

"For this reason, we consider you to have ceased to be a resident of this country, and your request is denied."

— signed Yosef Tov, deputy director-general of the Interior Ministry's Population Administration.

Awad received that letter dated August 4, 1987 from the Ministry of

the Interior. He had applied for a new identity card to replace the one he had carried with him since he first travelled to the United States in 1969, where he studied at a Menno-nite college in Ohio and still runs a counselling centre for delinquent youths.

"When they took my identification card, I became an advertisement that something is wrong," said Awad, 44.

"The Israelis are refusing me because I am a Christian. If I were a Jew, I would not be refused," said Awad. "I am willing to change my religion to stay here. And if I were to tell that to a church in the U.S. in front of 3,000 people, it's amazing the reaction I would get."

Awad's comments are a not-very-subtle hint of the campaign he would conduct from abroad should Israeli authorities expel him.

"I will raise hell," he says. Such negative publicity and diplomatic strains with the U.S. are just what top Foreign Ministry officials are trying to avoid. They have been quietly working to allow Awad to remain in response to heavy pressure from the U.S. State Department as well as from U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

That U.S. pressure is just what Haetzni and others on the right resent as they gear up for a legal and political campaign to have Awad expelled.

"I read in the paper that America is deporting thousands of Cubans, but Mr. Pickering, Haj Abdallah Pickering, can intervene and turn us into a banana republic," said Haetzni.

"It's no longer a question of the rule of law. It's a question of Israeli sovereignty. I know there is a recommendation from the Shin Bet to



(Anwar Bouhassan)

expel him because he is endangering security. But Pickering is stronger. Awad believes that his campaign for Palestinian family unification has been a particular thorn in the side of officials responsible for the territories.

Authorities were reportedly upset by a recent meeting between Awad's deputy, Nafez Assaily, and a group of high school seniors who declared they would refuse to serve in the territories. Such moves are apparently perceived by some security officials as an attempt to split Israeli public opinion.

Similarly, when Awad went to lobby at the Knesset on Wednesday at the invitation of Labour MK Abdel Wahab Darousha, he sparked an uproar from Tehiya's Geula Cohen.

"I'm trying not to escalate things," said Awad. "When I decided to go to the Knesset there was no intention of making those people upset. I wanted them to see me. You don't know me. Let's meet, personally, humanly. I'm not interested in increasing the conflict. I'm interested in conciliation as a non-violent individual."

STILL, EVEN if his opponents were to meet with him "humanly," it's doubtful whether they would be persuaded not to deport him.

While Awad practices "non-violence," he also advocates a strategy of civil disobedience that many

## Religious groups ponder next step in cinema war

SEVERAL MONTHS after taking her place on the bench of Jerusalem's Local Affairs Court, Judge Ayala Procaccia delivered an opinion this week which punctured one of the basic premises of secular-religious relations in Jerusalem. The city cannot force cinemas to close on Shabbat, she ruled on Sunday, because only the Knesset has the authority to limit freedom of religion or conscience.

Procaccia threw out the charges that the Jerusalem municipality had brought against the Beit Agron and Orna cinemas. As city councillor David Bergman (National Religious Party) pointed out unhappily, "If they want to open all the cinemas in the city this Shabbat, they can."

The decision may ultimately encourage more cinema owners to open on Friday night. Cinema owners in other parts of the country who decide to open on Shabbat will no doubt cite the decision if they are taken to court.

The ruling may also lead new legitimacy to other entertainment spots — theatres, cabarets and cultural clubs, for example — which were included in the by-law that Procaccia's ruling struck down.

After roughly four months of street protests and the withdrawal of religious parties from the municipal coalition, the guardians of Shabbat are actually in a much worse position now than when the protests against the Beit Agron cinema began.

Labour was seeking to bring down the coalition. "The two big parties are not afraid of us pulling out of the coalition because they will stay in power until the end," said Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira at a meeting of religious party MKs this week. "We all have to sign an agreement that we won't join any coalition with them after the elections if they don't pass the legislation authorizing local authorities to enforce their Shabbat by-laws now."

Shapira's proposal was not adopted, nor is it clear how such an agreement could be enforced. Shas, Agudat Yisrael and the NRP are all threatening to pull out of the current coalition.

"If we just sit here, the public will kick us out of the Knesset," said Menachem Porush (Agudat Yisrael).

THE COMMITTEE for Cultural Freedom — which includes Mapam, the Citizens Rights Movement, the Reform movement and various youth movements — could not be happier these days. MK Dedi Zucker (CRM) has called upon Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek not to appeal the decision, and the ultra-Orthodox parties to accept the judge's ruling.

Zucker does not believe that the religious parties have a chance of passing any kind of legislation before the next election. He sees a court appeal that might overturn

Andy Court

Until Sunday, they were fighting for the municipality to enforce laws that were on the books. Now they are fighting to get the laws back on the books — either through new legislation or a court appeal — so that they can once again fight to have them enforced.

SHABTAI ZIV, the Jerusalem municipality's legal adviser, said immediately after the decision that he was "almost certain" the city would appeal to the District Court. A decision of such importance should be examined on a higher judicial level, he said.

But there's no guarantee that the District Court, or ultimately the High Court of Justice, will overturn Procaccia's decision. David Glass, a lawyer and former National Religious Party MK who served on the Knesset Law Committee, believes that Procaccia's decision is consistent with a number of past judicial decisions.

"The only way to correct the situation is through legislation in the Knesset," he said. "I don't think any religious party will go into another coalition government without a Shabbat law as part of the coalition agreement."

For the moment, however, the religious parties would settle for a law that would give local authorities the power to enforce whatever Shabbat ordinances they already have. With both Labour and Likud apparently biding their time until the next elections, the religious parties are aware that they don't enjoy the same leverage they did when

Procaccia's decision as a greater potential threat to his cause.

Beyond the politics surrounding the case, however, Procaccia's decision is interesting because of the statement it makes about human rights and religious freedoms.

Since the foundation of the state, the Knesset has made the important decisions about when to limit the freedom of religion or conscience, she wrote. As far as cinemas and other entertainment places are concerned, the Knesset neither passed its authority on to City Hall, nor chose to limit Shabbat movies itself. The city's by-law thus exceeds the city's authority.

But the ban on Shabbat movies is also "an unnecessary intervention in citizens' rights and does substantial harm to the basic rights of the secular population," she maintained. Forbidding movie screenings "injures the quality and substance of the life of the secular population, while the operation of cinemas on Shabbat does not hurt the religious citizen in his private domain, though it does hurt his feelings."

Inherent in the decision is the concept that freedom of religion includes the freedom not to believe in religion. Such freedom extends not only to thought, but also to actions that are based on one's beliefs.

In most cities in the world, of course, going to a movie on a Friday night would not be such a big deal. But Friday night at the movies in Jerusalem will no doubt continue to produce as much action outside the cinemas as there is on the screens inside.

## It depends on what's 'non-violence'

Joel Greenberg

"WHAT I HAVEN'T done in years, the Israelis have done in a week," Mubarak Awad says about the sudden notoriety he and his ideas have gained in the wake of the moves by the Israeli authorities to force him out of the country.

The most complete formulation of his philosophy appears in an article he wrote in English and distributed in Arabic translation, entitled, "Non-violent Resistance: A Strategy for the Occupied Territories." Originally published in the Summer 1984 issue of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, it draws on the principles of Gandhi, Martin Luther King and the Harvard University theorist of non-violence, Gene Sharp.

Awad writes: "For the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza during this period, the most effective strategy is one of non-violence. This does not determine the methods open to Palestinians on the outside; nor does it constitute a rejection of the concept of armed struggle. It does not rule out the possibility that the struggle on the inside may turn into an armed struggle at a later stage."

He argues that non-violent resistance "can neutralize to a large degree the destructive power of the Israeli war machine, and enlist in our service, or at least neutralize, important sectors of Israeli society... It removes the irrational fear of 'Arab violence,' which presently cements Israeli society together. By removing this fear, it contributes to the disintegration of the hostile Israeli society and helps to isolate Israel politically and morally."

AWAD CALLS non-violent struggle "nothing short of a real war," in which Palestinians should expect to suffer losses of life and prop-

erty. He says it requires special training, a high degree of organization and discipline as well as secrecy. Most non-violent activities will be illegal, he writes.

"The Israeli soldier is a human being, not a beast devoid of conscience and feelings. He has an understanding of right and wrong to which it is possible to appeal. Similarly, he can be demoralized..."

"At another level, the Israeli government is sensitive to public opinion, both local and international. It constantly needs international support and aid, and it has an image it wishes to protect... Israel does not possess the internal resources which will enable it to bear international isolation for a long time, as is the case with the racist government of South Africa, for example."

HE OUTLINES various methods of non-violent resistance which can be used in the territories.

Creative and innovative demonstrations can be held, including "protest prayers, fasts, silent demonstrations using powerful symbols such as yellow armbands (which the Nazis forced the Jews to wear), concentration camp costumes, commemorative services for martyrs, guerrilla theatre..."

Israeli land confiscation and construction of settlements and roads can be obstructed and prevented, he says. Palestinians can throw themselves in front of bulldozers, "attempt to block roads, prevent communications, cut electricity, telephone, and water lines, and prevent the movement of equipment..."

"If the obstruction occurs in a non-violent fashion, and the obstructors openly declare that they do not wish to injure anyone, but

that they are merely obstructing a plan which injures them and their interests, then repression will also follow and soldiers will shoot... Palestinians in this case will be accepting and suffering the sacrifices... to preserve their land..."

AWAD SUGGESTS A variety of ways in which Palestinians can refuse to cooperate with the Israeli authorities: refusal to work in building settlements or roads; refusal to work in Israeli factories; refusal to fill out any forms, or give any information to the authorities; refusal to carry or produce identity cards; refusal to pay fines, thereby filling already overcrowded jails and disrupting the judicial apparatus; refusal to work as employees of military government; refusal to pay taxes; and refusal to abide by house arrest orders and curfews.

Such action, Awad argues, will require the use of large numbers of troops and employees to maintain control, and overburden the government system to the point of paralysing it.

Harassment of specific Israelis or their Palestinian assistants can be conducted through "the telephone, letters, whistling, calling, provocations, slogans, hand gestures, body motions... The idea is never to allow the existence of any quiet or calm that may be interpreted as an acceptance of the prevailing situation. The person being harassed must be constantly reminded of the role that he plays in the injustice from which we are suffering..."

Awad also calls for consumer boycotts of Israeli products and services, while creating improved Arab alternatives. He proposes strikes, acts of support and solidarity, such as rebuilding of homes destroyed by the Israeli authorities.

Other methods include building alternative institutions and an infrastructure independent of Israel, such as universities, factories, libraries, hospitals and schools. These obstruct the annexation and "Judaization" of the territories, and can form the nucleus of the future Palestinian state, according to Awad.

Finally, Awad proposes civil disobedience, or "the conscious and deliberate commission of illegal acts and violation of known military orders and laws... A non-violent person utilizing this method must be willing to take the full legal consequences of his or her actions."

NATIONALIST LEADERS could make their goal filling up the already crowded jails, writes Awad. If there were mass support for this goal, it could make a particular law ineffective, since the authorities could not be afforded to use all the jail space to enforce it.

He says that in non-violence, "Palestinians would be voluntarily accepting and rejoicing in the persecution and suffering inflicted on them. Bravely and steadfastly to accept persecution for one's beliefs brings one very close to the power of non-violence. It neutralizes the effectiveness of the instrument of repression and improves the internal steadfastness and power of the resister."

"The greatest enemy to the people and the most powerful weapon in the hands of the authorities is fear," asserts Awad. "Palestinians who can liberate themselves from fear and who will boldly accept suffering and persecution without fear or bitterness or striking back have managed to achieve the greatest victory of all. They have conquered themselves, and all the rest will be much easier to accomplish."

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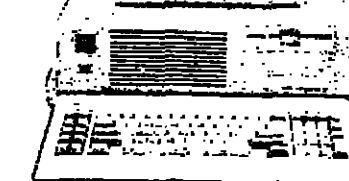
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## Arms pact verification

## Making sure that nobody cheats

By PATRICK WORSNIP  
LONDON (Reuters). - A new word has entered the lexicon of super-power relations. It is "verification" and it has fast become one of the most important words of all. In the language of U.S. and Soviet officials, it means measures to check that the other side is complying with an arms control agreement.

To its supporters, verification makes the difference between a good agreement and a worthless one. Critics say it has more to do with political fighting in Washington between those who oppose any arms accord with Moscow and those who favour one.

The last problems before agreement was completed this week on the medium-range missile treaty that U.S. President Reagan and Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev will sign at next month's summit were caused by the verification clauses.

"There's been a long history of disputes over compliance," said a U.S. arms control official. "It's a problem of mistrust, of reassuring people. We can't have too much verification." Verification was first raised as a serious problem by the U.S. and arms experts trace it back to the U.S.-Soviet Salt-2 strategic arms limitation treaty signed in 1979.

That treaty was never ratified by the Senate. Officially, President Jimmy Carter withdrew it from the agenda because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, but the agreement in any case did not appear to have enough support to get through.

The Reagan administration, which took office in 1981, charged that Salt, which depended on spy

satellites to monitor compliance with missile limits, failed to ensure that the Soviet Union would respect it.

It has since accused Moscow of major violations of the pact. Now that it has negotiated an arms control treaty of its own, the administration knows it needs strict verification provisions to get it ratified. Some senators remain hostile to the accord.

Arms negotiators boast that the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) pact that Reagan and Gorbachev are due to sign in Washington at their meeting from December 7 to 10 will contain "the most stringent verification regime in the history of arms control."

The treaty and its annexes run to nearly 200 pages - more than all previous U.S.-Soviet arms control treaties put together - and much of that is taken up with verification.

The key measure is "on-site inspection" - having teams of inspectors visit the other country to ensure that it has the number of missiles it says it has, and watch them being destroyed in accordance with the terms of the treaty. This is far more intrusive than satellites, which could easily photograph missile silos in the old days of fixed missiles but have more difficulty with today's smaller, mobile and more easily concealed systems.

The Soviet Union resisted on-site inspection until last year when Gorbachev said he could accept it and pointed out to Americans that verification was a two-way process and Moscow would insist on equal rights.

David Aaron, who was Carter's deputy assistant for national security

affairs, wrote recently in *The New York Times*: "When Soviet negotiators formally accepted on-site inspection it caused deep anxiety to many within the American government, who had never dreamed the Russians would agree."

The verification measures in the treaty will keep hundreds of U.S. and Soviet inspectors busy until the end of the century. They will start off by checking that deployed INF missiles correspond to figures exchanged in advance. The inspectors will later watch as the missiles and their launchers are destroyed by agreed methods over a three-year period.

During the following 10 years, the teams of inspectors - up to 10-strong according to one U.S. official - will pay a fixed number of visits per year to deployment sites and factories to make sure no new missiles have appeared or are being built.

They will be able to arrive at short notice and demand to be taken to a suspect site.

There will also be permanent monitors based at one site that assemblies missiles in each country.

The fact that the U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles are deployed in West Europe has introduced a further complication, since the governments involved - West Germany, Britain, Italy and Belgium - have had to be given their say. The Soviet Union, for its part, has some missiles based in Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The agreement says each superpower will send a note to the allies of the other, pledging to respect its national laws and hence its sovereignty.

## Victory forecast for PM in Sunday's elections

## Poll could remove vestige of Ankara military rule

ANKARA (Reuters). - Turkey, determined to dispel an image of lawlessness, lack of human rights and a questionable democracy, is likely to keep Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in power in a general election on Sunday.

The balloting for a 450-seat National Assembly is the most open since the military returned to barracks in 1983, after the third period of army rule since 1960 designed to stamp out political chaos.

Public opinion polls predict Ozal's ruling Motherland Party will easily win a second five-year mandate to carry through wide-ranging economic reforms and press on with his cherished goal of bringing Turkey into the Economic Community. A 10-member delegation from the European Parliament has arrived in Turkey to monitor the election.

Ozal, a conservative 60-year-old technocrat seeking re-election a year before his first term expires, is running on a platform of stability and economic progress since taking power in the military-supervised 1983 elections. "There is no political tension in Turkey now. Martial law has been lifted... We have broken the chain of economic problems that led to political crises," he told reporters.

But many of the 26 million voters still have vivid memories of extremist political violence that took more than 5,000 lives in the 1970s and security will be tight on polling day.

The election campaign has been marred by bomb attacks on Motherland offices and Kurdish rebels have

been causing disruptions in the southeast of the country.

Yesterday firebombs hit three major Turkish bank offices in Istanbul, police sources said yesterday. The attacks caused no casualties but started small fires at two branches of Akbank and gutted a ground floor area of the head office of Disbank on Wednesday night, banking sources said.

Two former prime ministers, Bulent Ecevit and Suleyman Demirel, have been allowed to return to the political fray but have not managed to mount a serious opposition challenge.

A referendum last September lifted a ban imposed by the military on 55 former political leaders and Ozal promptly called for early elections, giving them little time to organize renewed bids to regain power.

Ozal's main rival is Ertan Inonu, an academic who runs the Social Democrat Populist Party along lines of Europe's social democratic parties. He supports Turkey going into Europe.

The high inflation rate has been one of the issues in a low-key campaign, along with the Ozal's leadership style. Critics have accused him of being high-handed.

There has also been a question mark over Ozal's health. He had heart surgery last February and had to curtail campaigning.

Seven parties, from Islamic fundamentalists opposed to U.S. forces in Turkey and EC membership to anti-communist leftists seeking more power for the people, are contesting the election.

## Faraway friends

Beverlee Black

THE FORSAKE ME NOT Fund was given a big boost this week with the receipt of several large contributions from some faraway places. Lillian Lehr of Bogota, Colombia, donated \$1,000 via an Israeli friend who was visiting. Three of Greta Bender's friends at the Wizo Home in Tel Aviv celebrated her 80th birthday - till 120 - by contributing NIS300. An anonymous donor sent \$500 in memory of Chaye Feyer Oppenheim. Once again our appreciation to veteran fund supporter, Samuel Rothberg, who sent two \$1,200 cheques on behalf of the American Friends of Israel, to the Toy and the Forsake Me Not funds. Many thanks for their continual support.

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund was augmented by two large contributions, the first an annual contribution of \$1,000 from an anonymous donor in Santiago, Chile. The second was \$700, representing the yearly donation from the Men's Club of Temple Beth Am of Margate, Florida.

No matter the size, all donations add up and help us reach our goal all the faster.

From the look of all the requests we are receiving, the needs of both the elderly and children are growing daily. Although we are grateful for the increasing response from our readership, more money must be raised to maintain existing services.

Please keep on giving and help us surpass our previous accomplishments. If you haven't already done so, send your cheques today to: The Jerusalem Post Funds, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000.

## "FORSAKE ME NOT"

NIS 800 in honour of Dr. Heinz Waller, U.S., on his 80th birthday - his sister-in-law, NIS 300 in honour of Greta Bender's 80th birthday - from her three friends at our table at the Wizo Home, Tel Aviv.

NIS 215 Four Nahariya Bridge Players. NIS 200 Frida and Fred Simons, Jerusalem. NIS 180 in honour of mother Sarah Gitman and aunt Miriam Spivack and in memory of parents Chaya Sarah and Alexander Kessler, and Aaron Weber - Daniel and Shoshanna Weber, Tel Aviv.

NIS 160 Dov and Anne Susan Zippel, Jerusalem. NIS 150 To commemorate the birthday of my father, of blessed memory - Miriam Pustik, Haifa. In memory of my dear mother, Rose Gruenfeld - Miriam Aron, Jerusalem.

NIS 100 Prof. and Mrs. Moshe Wines, Petah Tikva. Yosef and Hanna Portz, Jerusalem. Anonymous, Haifa. Micha Kunitz, Michmoret. Hannah Shyler, Ramat Hasharon. Nathan Delouze, in memory of my parents, Edith Klein's 80th birthday - Adi and Erika, Nahariya.

NIS 85 In honour of our cousin Elizabeth Roman's 85th birthday - Renate and Itzhak Uman, Haifa. NIS 80 A pensioner, Tel Aviv.

NIS 75 In cherished memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Sidney Symon, on his 75th birthday - Hannah, 82th and Philip Symon, Yehuda, Martine and Stedelle Peled, Chaya Liberty, Tel Aviv. In honour of our dear brother-in-law, Max Samuels - Ernest and Lillian Kraus, Kiryat Motzkin.

NIS 30 Ruth Danieles, Givatayim. M.B., Ramat Gan. Dr. Miriam Buk, Haifa. In honour of Moshe NIS sin for his integrity and strength of character re the Lavi (a decision which in the long run may be of crucial meaning for the welfare of the aged, as well as for all the social services) - Joseph and Zipporah Dubin, Migdal HaTichon. In loving memory of Ruth P.H., Haifa. In honour of our dear friend Edith Klein's 80th birthday - Adi and Erika, Nahariya.

NIS 44 In honour of my mother, Bessie Miller, who is celebrating her 81st birthday in London - Naomi and Sydney Davis. NIS 41 Percy Manham, Ramat Gan. NIS 38 Wishing our fathers lots of health - Mr. and Mrs. Max Bloch.

NIS 36 In honour of our mother, Renee Aron, on the occasion of her birthday and with love from Joyce, Sharon and Yehuda, Ramat Gan. Lotte Lopian, Jerusalem. NIS 30 In memory of my friends: Dora, Klary and Chana - N.R. Deborah Ar-Weissman, Rehovot.

NIS 25 Anonymous. NIS 20 In memory of my aunt, Molly Gaspar - Carol Raznik, Haifa. In memory of Elie Goldstein - Rita and Egon Oshinsky, Jerusalem. NIS 18 Wishing Noli a quick recovery - Renate and Mickey. In honour of Frida and Abe Burstein - Gilron Family, Rehovot. Ari, Haim, Ita, I., Y., A. In honour of Joe Cohen's 70th birthday - Esty and Myra Zion. Ethel Schain, Netanyahu. In memory of Sol Leff - Dr. Menahem Grinof, Herzliya.

NIS 2 Anonymous, Jerusalem. NIS 250 American Friends of Israel. \$1,000 To the blessed memory of my beloved and unforgettable parents and husband: Mr. and Mrs. Marianne and Egon Lehr of Peking, China - Lillian Lehr, Bogota, Colombia. \$500 Helping Hand Fund in memory of Chaye Feyer Oppenheim, Minsk, Russia, 1912 - Anonymous.

\$250 Ita Lew-Pushman, New York, NY. \$166 "Chavara Mische" of Springfield, NY. Belle and Sam Brudin. Iris and Zane Graf, Morris and Dora Pfeiffer, Lillian and Gilbert Zenn, Martha and Morris Herman, David and Sabena Schoenbrun, Ruth and Joel Elkind, Dorothy and Herman Bergman, Marily and Herman Friedman, Sylvia Jacobs.

\$100 In honour of our grandparents, the Rosenfelds and the Blankens, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Jean Nathanson - The Flatbush Mityan, Inc. Anonymous, Jerusalem.

\$75 In honour of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Herzog - Jack Herzog, Penn Valley, PA. \$50 Anonymous, PA. In memory of Miriam Mink - Anonymous, PA. Alice Morini, San Francisco, CA. Eleanor Sue Kantor, Portsmouth, VA.

\$40 Janis Holt, Cardington, Ohio. \$36 Mr. and Mrs. H. Heger, Huddinge, Sweden. Michael Katz, North Hollywood, CA. \$25 In honour of Yehuda - Myra and Robert Kaplan, Grove City, PA. In honour of our grandchildren in Haifa, Israel and in the United States - Shirley and Sam Schneider, Silver Spring, MD. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Host London, Worcester, MA. Anonymous, Denning, WA.

\$22 In memory of beloved parents, Rebecca E. and Harris M. Robbins - Edna and Leonard Connors, Sharon, MA.

\$20 Israel and Ruth Milkow, Framingham, MA. \$18 In honour of Joel and Leah Gepson - Grandma Gus Moskowitz, Brooklyn, NY. Charles Rich, Hartford, CT. In memory of Herbert B. Bernstein of Cincinnati, OH - Mildred Kitch, Northridge, CA. In honour of our great-grandchildren Ariel and Laurie - Joseph and Rose Ables, Forest Hills, NY. \$10 M. Schenck, Rochester, NY. In memory of beloved parents Lee and Edith Gould - Blanche Kessler, Lippswood, PA. Mark Jones, Brookline, PA. In memory of my mother, Malka Matzner - Dr. Markus Matzner, Edinboro, NY.

\$5 In memory of our brothers Yacov and Abraham Cohen - Leon and Esther Cohen, West Palm Beach, FL. Can. \$50 Joyce Starkman, Willowdale, Canada. \$25 For the good memories of Upan M'agan Michael 1987/88 - Daria "Adina" Hertz, Montreal, Canada. \$20 Anonymous, W. Germany. \$10 K. Scherer, Metzenheim, W. Germany.

New Donations: NIS 1,171, 24,528, DM210. Progress Total: NIS 8,790, \$8,790, Can. \$340, DM290, 2145, DFL150, J.Yen 5,000, Aust. \$275.

## Tour of the double-bass

Gary Karr, double bass, with Barinon Lewis, piano (Jerusalem, Rebecca Crown Hall, November 23). Block: Prayer; Grieg: Sonata in A minor op. 36; Beethoven: Reveries and Tarantelle; Schumann: Three Fantasy Pieces op. 73; Ravel: Piece en forme de Valse; Brahms: Valse; Liszt: Valse; Chopin: Valse.

THIS WAS an evening for the double bass players, the music critics and the generally curious, all of which were well represented as Karr and Lewis led a fascinating tour through the literature written and arranged for the double bass.

In the hands of a master like Gary Karr, this seemingly clumsy and

cumbersome instrument is transformed into a singer of great beauty, finesse and enormous range and power.

It is extremely difficult to point out specific highlights from this recital programme, so expertly was it rendered: from the sombre tones of Bloch to the playfulness of Bottesini to the delicate rhythms of Ravel, all was executed with supreme musicality and elegance.

The teamwork between Karr and Lewis was admirable in all respects.

DANIEL ZIFF



Erica Jesselson hugs a Tora crown before it is placed in an exhibition showcase for the Steiglitz Collection which goes on show at the Israel Museum next week. The collection was bought for the Museum with the help of Erica and Ludwig Jesselson. (See story in magazine.)

## WZO rejects Keren Hayesod proposal

The World Zionist Organization yesterday fended off an attempt by the fund-raisers of Keren Hayesod to gain greater control over what the WZO does with their contributions.

The WZO Executive rejected a proposal by Keren Hayesod leaders that the donors, and not the WZO,

should have the right to appoint the Keren Hayesod director. Keren Hayesod raises funds for the WZO and Jewish Agency in countries outside the U.S. The proposal was unanimously rejected on the grounds that it violates the constitution of the WZO.

## CELEBRATE!

This year is the 40th anniversary of The Jerusalem Post Hanukka Toy Fund. Let's give the country's 15,000 underprivileged children a slice of happiness. Please, give generously.



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## Sides fail to reach accord on Taba

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Foreign Ministry Director-General Avraham Tamir was due to return last night from Geneva after the failure of Israeli and Egyptian legal teams to reach a compromise solution in the Taba border dispute. The arbitration process, now a year old, is expected to end in a formal award or judgment by the five-man arbitration panel.

Tamir, flanked by Foreign Ministry legal adviser Robbi Sabel, flew to Geneva on Sunday in the hope of reaching an agreed solution with the Egyptians in line with the provision in the arbitration agreement - the "compromise" - allowing for a period of "conciliation" in which a compromise could be reached before the arbitrators reached a judgment.

The failure of "conciliation" now leaves the two sides with the possibility of reaching a compromise in bilateral talks which would then be presented as the judgment of the arbitration panel. But officials in Jerusalem predict that such a compromise will not be reached and that the future of Taba will be determined formally and finally by the three non-Middle Eastern members of the arbitration panel which next month is due to resume its deliberations.

A BAN ON WIDOW-BURNING cannot be challenged on religious grounds, the high court in the western Indian state of Rajasthan ruled yesterday. The United News of India said the two-judge panel found there was "no religious sanction" for the Hindu practice of *suttee*.

## Opposition mounting against President Ershad in Bangladesh

DHAKA (Reuters). - Bangladesh has clamped a 30-day ban on marches, rallies and carrying of lethal weapons in Dhaka to counter a fresh wave of opposition protest against President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The ban was imposed after the 21 opposition parties announced plans for fresh rallies in the next three days in a warm-up to a new 72-hour general strike called for Sunday. Dhaka Police Chief Nasrullah Khan said in his order on Wednesday that the ban became necessary to ensure that protesters did not disturb peace in the area.

"The environment for normal functioning of offices was being destroyed during the last few days by rallies and demonstrations organized by some political groups," he said.

## Mass crackdown on Basques

MADRID (Reuters). - Spanish police said they had delivered a major blow to the Basque separatist group ETA yesterday, virtually dismantling its organization in one of the three Basque provinces with a series of arrests and arms seizures.

More than 1,000 police stormed hideouts in Guipuzcoa province in an operation which began on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

They arrested 11 people, among them one of the country's most

wanted ETA suspects, and seized arms and explosives, 40 kg. of dynamite, pistols, guns and grenades.

Among the arrested was Antonio Lopez Ruiz known as "Kubati", one of the most active guerrillas in the Basque country in recent years, the government spokesman said.

Kubati is suspected of leading two ETA commandos since 1979 and of organizing seven killings, including that of a former ETA leader who had accepted a government amnesty.

## AWAD: THE CRUCIAL QUESTION

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lem in the mosque.

"To tell me the only way to resolve this conflict is armed struggle is a bunch of baloney. If you don't have arms, don't say we are waiting for others to come liberate us. If you want to be violent, be violent. But don't play the game that we believe in armed struggle and are waiting for someone else to come do it for us."

Says Haetzni, who has pursued a four-year long legal battle to have Awad prosecuted: "The man is most clearly inciting to the most flagrant breaches of the law. Tell me one country in the world that would tolerate him."

Yehoshua Kahane of the Interior Ministry, agrees.

"He is for non-violence?" says Kahane, himself a resident of the West Bank settlement of Beit El. "He advocates cutting telephone, water and electricity lines, not paying taxes, not upholding the laws of the state." Moreover, says Kahane, Awad is now a tourist here whose visa has expired.

Haetzni acknowledges the differ-

ing treatment of Palestinians and Israelis - and offers a simple solution for it. Jerusalem residents, like Awad, have the option of becoming Israeli citizens, he says. West Bank residents could press for a similar solution.

"If you want to have equal terms, then advocate the slogan of the Greater Land of Israel, then Judea and Samaria will be annexed and everybody will be happy," he says.

In a way, Awad's position is not so different from Haetzni's, even though they are worlds apart. "I don't think a two-state solution is going to work," says Awad. If there is a two-state solution, with closed borders and no economic freedom or freedom of movement, there is no peace. It's just delaying the problem for another generation."

Awad advocates a "unified, secular" state in which "no Jew would have to leave," but Palestinians would get a passport.

"Call it Israel-Palestine or Palestine-Israel," he says. "And slowly build it. Whatever it is."

## Israeli guitarists shine

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL, Israeli guitarists, Avraham Spector, Orly Lavan, Costin Canelis-Ober, Isidoro Roitman (Tasvita Theatre, Tel Aviv, November 25).

THIS CONCERT was devoted exclusively to Israeli guitarists, and the four who appeared presented a striking variety of style, tone and interpretive approach.

Avraham Spector opened with a sweet Japanese song and continued with an underplayed and slightly mechanical presentation of two Scarlatti sonatas. Unpretentious pieces by Giuliani and Gottschalk concluded his contribution to the evening.

Orly Lavan, playing compositions by Bach, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and a Flamenco-inspired piece, revealed a very strong musi-

cal personality. Her performances, though perhaps slightly aggressive, displayed the instrument's exciting possibilities. Her tone varied constantly, shifting from the mellow to the percussive; dry and musical content emerged with immense authority and confidence. A pity she wasted so much time on the uninteresting and anachronistic Castelnuovo-Tedesco sonata.

Costin Canelis-Ober was the great charmer. His tone was beautifully mellow, his phrasing delicate and poetically inspired. The pieces by Kaspar Mertz and Napoleon Caste contain little musical substance, but a contemporary piece by Francis Kleynjans showed Canelis-Ober to be a master of the modern guitar repertoire.

The piece revealed a great variety of playing techniques and effects, all executed flawlessly. Stephan Rak's contemporary but Renaissance-inspired "Temperatio of Renaissance" was played with remarkable delicacy and a highly expressive and vibrant tone.

Isidoro Roitman, the last to appear, introduced again a complete change of style and attitude. Three Dowland pieces created a pensive and introspective mood. A piece by the Argentine composer Piaola and another contribution by Giuliani concluded the evening with severe and technical brilliance.

To sum up: Israeli guitarists have reached a very high level of performance. They are undoubtedly capable of competing, with full confidence, with their foreign counterparts.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM



# Mickey keeps his cool; Maccabi clinch thriller

BY DON GOULD  
Post Basketball Reporter  
YAD ELIAHU. — Maccabi Tel Aviv, with a courageous display of never-say-die basketball, overcame a seven-point deficit inside the final two minutes to trip Barcelona 108-107 in a thrilling opening to the European Cup final pool here last night.

Maccabi's superstar Kevin Magee changed into his uniform for the game but it was decided at the last minute that he could not in fact play because of a swollen foot. His teammates gallantly took turns picking up the cudgels in one of the hardest-fought European Cup games seen here in recent years.

Until the final two minutes of the game Maccabi employed zone defense in order to protect Greg Cornelius and young Itzik Cohen, who both gave valiant displays to replace the irreplaceable Magee.

But it was Mickey Berkowitz who hadn't scored at all in the first half who provided the nail biting finale with his ever-cool shooting by scoring the four last points of the game, all from the foul line. That gave Maccabi their victory and hours after the triumph the delirious fans were still outside the darkened stadium chanting "Mickey, Melech Yisrael, Mickey King of Israel."

In the first half, Barcelona, led by Antonio San Epifanio with 16 points, kept the heat on Maccabi's zone. Doron Jauchas with 21 and Ken Barlow with 22 accounted for all but 15 of Maccabi's first half production. At the half it was 62-58 in the Spaniards' favor. After the intermission "Eppie" fortunately cooled off but Schillo took up the slack by hitting five three pointers to help his team hold the lead for most of the second half. But Maccabi, down by as many as seven at one stage,



COOL IN THE CLUTCH: Mickey Berkowitz.

kept fighting back and Berkowitz suddenly caught fire while Jauchas and Barlow kept up their steady performance. With just 2:56 left on the clock Barcelona built their final lead again to seven points at 87-80. Maccabi led now switched to a man-to-man defense and from that point on Barcelona were not to score again as they pressure suddenly began to tell on them. They missed the kind of shots they could regret at the season's end.

With 48 seconds remaining

Berkowitz was on the foul line. The veteran sharpshooter made no mistake to bring Maccabi within a single point. At the other end Barcelona used up most of their 30 seconds with the ball but as point guard Solozodad went in he was adjudged to have committed an offensive foul. Klein ordered the ball to be taken from the side. Twenty four seconds remaining. Berkowitz drove to the basket after picking up a pass in his favorite right hand corner. He is impeded to the yells to the crowd. 13 seconds left. Berkowitz at the line. 13 seconds — Maccabi one behind. 13 seconds left — two foul shots later and Maccabi now one ahead.

Barcelona had one last chance to forge back into the lead but the Maccabi defence held firm to give them a wonderful start to this season's campaign.

HIGH SCORERS: MACCABI — Barlow 36, Jauchas 34, Berkowitz 18, Sims 8, Cornelius 6, Daniel 3, Cohen 3. BARCELONA — Sebilio 24, San Epifanio 21, Norris 20, Jimenez 15, Solozabal 10, Martinez 10, McDowell 7.

Results of last night's other three final pool games.

In Belgrade: Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 101, Nashua Den Bosch (Netherlands) 94 (halftime 53-47).

In Salonika: Aris Salonika (Greece) 92, Eb Orthez (France) 86 (46-52).

In Cologne: Saturn Cologne (West Germany) 108, Tracer Milan (Italy) 78 (45-43).

## TENNIS

### Ailing Becker ousted from Young Masters

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, West Germany (Reuters). — Former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker crashed out of the \$150,000 Young Masters tournament yesterday with a shock three-set defeat to Swede Magnus Gustafsson.

Becker, 20 last Sunday, had previously won the tournament — open to players aged under 22 — for all three years of its existence. But he looked a pale shadow of himself as Gustafsson, ranked 51 in the world, beat him 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Gustafsson, who like Becker had won both his earlier round-robin matches in the "red" group, qualifies for tomorrow's semi-finals. Becker took the first set easily and looked to be heading for a quick

victory. But his form deteriorated alarmingly in the second set and he looked exhausted and lethargic in the deciding when Gustafsson broke him in the opening game.

"At the moment I'm taking medicine for throat and ear ache, for my cold and for knee pains," he said ruefully afterwards.

Becker, who this week dropped to fifth in the world rankings, has been told by his doctor that he should rest and not take part in next week's Masters in New York, a tournament in which he was runner-up to Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in each of the past two years. But the player, just back in action after a lengthy break with a thigh injury, is still expected to play in New York.

### Bloom beaten in second round

Post Sports Staff and agencies

Gilad Bloom, Israel's last hope of any success at the \$516,000 Brazil Open Grand Prix, at Itapirica followed in the steps of Amos Mansdorf when he lost in the second round to West German Tore Meinecke 7-5, 6-0.

Meinecke, 20, ranked 81 on the computer is a doubles specialist like Bloom, but is placed some 40 places higher in singles than the Israeli. About the same as the difference between the two in doubles.

The two top seeds in the tournament, Andre Gombaz and Brad Gilbert both crashed out in the quarter-finals as did Metecock. Gombaz was beaten by seventh-seeded Tomas Sand 7-6(6-6), 7-6(6-6), while Gilbert was thrashed by Andre Agassi 6-1, 5-3. Meinecke was beaten by highest seed remaining in the tournament, Martin Jarry 6-2, 6-2. In the fourth quarter-final, Laila Maier of Brazil beat Sergio Casal of Spain 7-5, 5-7, 7-6(7-5).

## WEEKEND SPORT

### Eilat Triathlon

By JACK LEON

EILAT. — Fifty high-class men and women from abroad and nearly 100 local triathletes are taking part in tomorrow's \$10,000 "Isrotel" Eilat International Triathlon. The meet which gets under way at 8 a.m. from the King Solomon hotel comprises a 1.5 km. swim, a 40 km. cycle race and a 10 km. run.

The hot favorite for the \$4,000 men's first prize is top American Ken Grah, his nation's ranked fifth-ranked triathlete. While in the women's field Britain's Sarah Coope is strongly fancied to take top spot.

### National League Soccer

(All matches at 14:30 tomorrow unless otherwise stated)

Hapoel Kfar Sava v Maccabi Netanya (Kfar Sava); Hapoel Tel Aviv v Bnei Yehuda (Bloomfield 15:30); Maccabi Tel Aviv v Hapoel Petah Tikva (Ramat Gan Stadium 15:00); Betar Tel Aviv v Hapoel Beersheba (Ramat Gan Stadium 13:00); Hapoel Holon v Betar Jerusalem (Holon); Maccabi Haifa v Hapoel Lod (Haifa); Maccabi Petah Tikva v Shimshon (Petah Tikva Today at 14:30)

### Tomorrow's Rugby

Tomorrow's national rugby league action is to be highlighted by a double-header at Tel Aviv's Sportek. Perennial contenders Kibbutz Yizre'el are scheduled to play their season opener against Ra'anana at noon, followed by a match between ASA Tel Aviv and Galil Elyon at 2 p.m.

Rounding out the season's first full rugby weekend is the ASA Jerusalem-Technion/Kiryat Bialik match, scheduled to take place at Hebrew University's Givat Ram Stadium at 2 p.m.

UEFA CUP — Wednesday's third round, first leg results: Barcelona 4, Malmstadt 1; Borussia Dortmund 3, FC Bruges 0; Feyenoord 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2; Hovved 5, Panathinaikos 2; Inter Milan 1, Espanol 1; Verana 2, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Vitoria Guimaraes 2, Vitoria 0; Werder Bremen 2, Dynamo Dnipro 1.

NBA — Wednesday's games: New York Rangers 5, Toronto 3; (OT) New Jersey 8, Edmonton 7; Montreal 6, Hartford 5; Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2; Pittsburgh 6, Quebec 4; Detroit 10, Washington 8.

Washington 4, Boston 1; (OT) St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3; Los Angeles 6, Chicago 4; Calgary 4, Vancouver 2.

SOUSA — World champion Jambor Khan and his fellow-Pakistani and arch rival Jahangir Khan stayed on course for another showdown after quarter-final victories in the Pakistan Masters tournament yesterday.

## CRICKET

### Mudassar punishes England

LAHORE (Reuters). — Opening batsman Mudassar Nazir scored a flawless century to put Pakistan firmly in command on the second day of the first cricket test against England yesterday.

Mudassar, mixing caution and aggression, hit 120 off 256 deliveries during 323 minutes at the crease. His innings included 18 fours as Pakistan reached 277 for four and a lead of 102 by the close.

England were all out for 175 in their first innings.

Mudassar's 120 was his 14th century in test cricket and his third against England. It was an innings in contrast to his effort against Mike Breasley's England team in Lahore 10 years ago when he laboured for 557 minutes to record the second century in test history.

After Pakistan lost momentum at their overnight total of 13 without loss, Mudassar settled in to bat with style and ease for virtually the entire day.

He was not out until 20 minutes from the end when England took the new ball and he was

trapped leg before by Neil Foster with Pakistan on 263 for three.

Pakistan began the day by adding 58 to the overnight total for the first wicket before off-spinner John Embury intervened.

He bowled Rameez Raja and Salim Malik with successive deliveries to reduce Pakistan to 71 for two.

Mudassar kept his head down and, playing with poise and great purpose, joined with captain Javed Miandad to add 142 for the third wicket.

Miandad punished the England spinners and

pacemen with equal severity as England's fielding began to disintegrate.

In New Delhi, Dilip Vengsarkar celebrated his elevation to the Indian captaincy with an unbeaten 74 yesterday to restore his team's chances in the first test against the West Indies.

At the close on the second day, India were 219 for five in their second innings, a lead of 158, after dismissing the West Indies for 127. India made 75 in the first innings. Both scores are the lowest recorded by either side in test matches against each other.

### Modern win trophy in controversial fashion

Post Sports Staff

There were shades of the unsavoury incidents which marred the Pakistan v Australia Test series of a few seasons ago when the Israel cricket season's final play-off match which had been an extremely exciting and hard-fought affair ended in controversial fashion at the School Ground last weekend.

Modern Ashdod eventually took the Dudi Silbowitz trophy by virtue of a 12-run victory over Ashdod A but not before a dramatic finish had taken place.

Modern were bowled out for 192 of which Yitzhak Walwadkar top-scored with 53 while Jacob Talker contributed 47. The all spin attack of "A" captain Hillel Awaskar who took 3-32 and Joshua Josephs with 3-60 did most the damage.

Ashdod had 45 overs in which to better that total but at the start of

the final over they still wanted 20 with only one wicket left. Then Sammy Mappaonkar cracked a six and took a single off the third ball meaning that 13 were wanted off three balls.

Mappaonkar was understandably desperate to get back to the striking end but backed up too far before the bowler had delivered the ball. Bowler Shimshon Raj removed the balls and appealed. Umpire Ezra Ashtamkar gave him out to which the incensed Mappaonkar crashed his bat into the stumps levelling them and sparking off a furious debate on the merits and manner of the final critical decision.

Before that Awaskar had followed up his bowling performance with 34 adding to Gershon Walker's 58. However, the youthful Ben-Zion Tahlikmar of Modern was adjudged man of the match for his 3-46 plus two beautifully judged catches on the boundary.

### Former Pakistan captain: Game's HQ should move to less green pastures

LAHORE, Pakistan (AFP). — Former national skipper and ex-president of Pakistan's cricket board, Abdul Hafeez Kardar, wants the headquarters of cricket to be shifted from Lord's in England to Calcutta.

This "is not based on any wishful thinking but on the hard fact that the stadium at Calcutta has nearly 80,000 people watching a test match," said Kardar.

Kardar added that sponsorship money was available "in plenty" in the region and it was therefore proper that cricket's headquarters be shifted to take maximum advantage of the current mass support for the game. He said India, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates were "ideally situated" for the entire cricketing community.

The former Pakistan cricket chief said the recent question marks about the state of test venues in England, like Headingley and the Oval, and the still simmering in-fighting between the MCC and the TCCB tended to rule out England as the only country that could serve as the game's headquarters.

"I too, am tradition-minded but let all well-wishers of cricket think seriously of shifting the headquarters to our region," Kardar concluded.

## Venables the ring master knows what it's all about

LONDON (AFP). — The 44-year-old former Barcelona manager Terry Venables was hardly a crowd favourite during his playing days with Spurs. And, as if sensing that his fan club may not yet extend far beyond a few influential Fleet Street voices, his installation as new manager this week lacked the pomp and glitter many expected.

In fact, his almost sombre mood matched the size of the task facing

him in reviving a club that has not won in eight games and comes up against title favourites Liverpool tomorrow.

Nor that Venables would give comfort to the likes of Kenny Dalglish or Arsenal rival George Graham by overplaying any doubts he may have.

Far from it, he rounded on the suggestion that defeat in his first game might not be a disaster. "What

you're doing is giving us an excuse to lose. And if we have that there's more chance of it happening."

"People will understand if we lose because no one has yet beaten Liverpool. But we have a chance to progress more in that one game than we might in five or six others," he said.

"I've seen a lot of videos and that's all you need if you are talking about whether I am equipped to know what they're all about."

"What's more important at this stage, though, is to turn things round for us rather than catering for the opposition."

Venables does not underestimate the difficulty of that, though he is initially prepared to give

the players already at the club a chance before reaching for the bulging chequebook. Spurs chairman Irving Scholar has put at his disposal.

"Finally we want to look at what we've got here and get out into the open what's not going right. Even when they have been winning, they have clearly not been playing as well as they would have liked."

"We have got to talk frankly. We can't afford to hang around, we've got to get right into the action," he said with East End candour.

On the evidence of his first day, Terry Venables is one ringmaster very much in control of his own circus.

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opened branches in such places as Mizpe Ramon, Migdal Ha'emek and Yeruham, which were, until then, almost exclusive Histadrut territory. The upshot really sent shivers down Histadrut spines, because no sooner had the branches been opened, then Maccabi managed to win over thousands of Histadrut Kupat Holim members, glad to have an alternative.

OBVIOUSLY all this cannot pass without some political repercussions in as political an institution as Kupat

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Holim. Indeed all Histadrut Central Committee members recently received anonymous letters, purportedly written by unnamed Kupat Holim high officials, decrying the way the institution is managed and asserting that it cannot be run as an economically-feasible enterprise without introducing elements of inequality. In other words, Kupat Holim may have to start charging higher fees for some services, and this too is a potential political pitfall in

an elections year, unless the government covers the costs.

With the ground rumbling under Kupat Holim, much of the political fire internally is directed at Doron. Some blame him for the mess and want him out. So far Peres hasn't been too helpful in calming Doron's fears and Doron believes that he is the scapegoat for Kupat Holim's troubles.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, who must calm the

many Histadrut storms by election day, wants to appoint four deputies for the controversial Doron, who would, presumably, be entrusted with the real running of the organization. This idea is not universally applauded, especially as Doron doesn't relish a loss of power.

Meanwhile, Doron's opponents are breathing hard down Kessar's neck, as are the Kupat Holim hospital doctors, the disenchanted members, the bookkeepers, and the nimble competitors on the sidelines, all contributing to the erosion of the lethargic and unwieldy giant.

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private sector funds offer special insurance policies for heart attacks, cancer and transplant operations carried out abroad, as well as private ambulance services and luxurious private hospitals. This, says Shuval, is all right if it doesn't happen at the expense of patients at public institutions whose doctors run to second jobs in the afternoons or jump their private patients ahead of them to the front of the queue. The worst danger is "black medicine," whereby doctors press for under-the-table payments, and use public hospital facilities to make money for themselves.

Private care, she continues, is inevitable, but must not produce invidious results. She would welcome more competition from private providers of medical care, as it could induce the public institutions to improve their services. But there must be sufficient controls to ensure that

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the private does not destroy the public facilities.

THE MEDICAL schools have too often failed to inculcate the importance of primary medical care in the community, says Prof. Shuval. Doctors naturally prefer to remain in hospitals — "that's where the prestige is, the glamour" — but Israel particularly lacks good care at the local level. "It's a matter of treating ordinary medical problems, from earaches to high blood pressure. While this is not glamorous, it is the bread-and-butter of everyday medicine."

The World Health Organization has declared that for a country to have a good health system, its primary health care must be of high quality — high-tech medicine for treating "unusual, interesting cases"

is not enough. The job market, of course, is about the only thing that can drive doctors to the periphery, says Shuval. Since Israel has one of the highest doctor-patient ratios in the Western world, it is difficult for a doctor to be appointed to a prestigious hospital post. But the shortage of jobs, unfortunately has also led to doctors emigrating. They'd rather go abroad than work in a community clinic. In some countries, a shortage of doctors has led to the use of "allied-health professionals" (known here as para-professionals) for routine work still performed here by doctors. "In kibbutzim, nurses have done this successfully for years. Even though doctors themselves don't want to go to the communities to do this work, they jealously guard this province from nurses and other non-doctors."

It's a dreary picture, but Prof. Shuval does propose some improvements:

□ The Health Ministry should get out of the hospital business, if possible, and involve itself in more supervision and less provision of services. It must establish a centralized planning authority to handle manpower, technology and budget.

□ Medical schools must give more emphasis to preventive care and primary health care in the community.

□ Competition among the various health funds should be encouraged in order to keep them on their toes.

□ Adequate control must be implemented to prevent the spread of "black medicine."

But the ministry and Kupat Holim Clalit — so immersed in their daily crises — don't seem to have enough time to grapple with these necessary changes. Perhaps the patients themselves, by choosing alternatives, will push them to do so.

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PERMANENT ISRAELI rule over an undivided Eretz Yisrael and a disfranchised foreign population would deform Israel's nature, corrupt its ethic, undermine its Jewish character, destroy its democratic pretensions, brutalize its youth, distort its structural coherence, weaken its international relations and convert eventual war from a remote possibility to a virtual certainty.

It leads inexorably to evil fantasies of expulsion and "transfer." Fantasies — because they have no operational capacity. No Israeli government will ever decide, no Israeli parliament will ever confirm, and no Israeli army will ever implement, a plan for the removal of the Arab

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population by coercion or bribery. We are left with nothing but the stench of the idea without the idea itself.

The syndrome of the Jew with his money-bags undermining the faith, the interests and the identity of his victim used to be a part of anti-Semitic rhetoric and caricature. It now has Israeli ministerial status.

In this sombre dilemma, it is salutary to fix some attention on the halcyon days of our success, the days when it was morning and it felt good to be alive. We were young, few and fragile in those days and our

very survival was in the balance. But we were sustained by a clear and lucid vision of realities.

We knew how to distinguish between what was and what was not possible. We understood that our task was not only to assert and proclaim our own rights, but to bring our rights into harmony and balance with the rights and interests of others.

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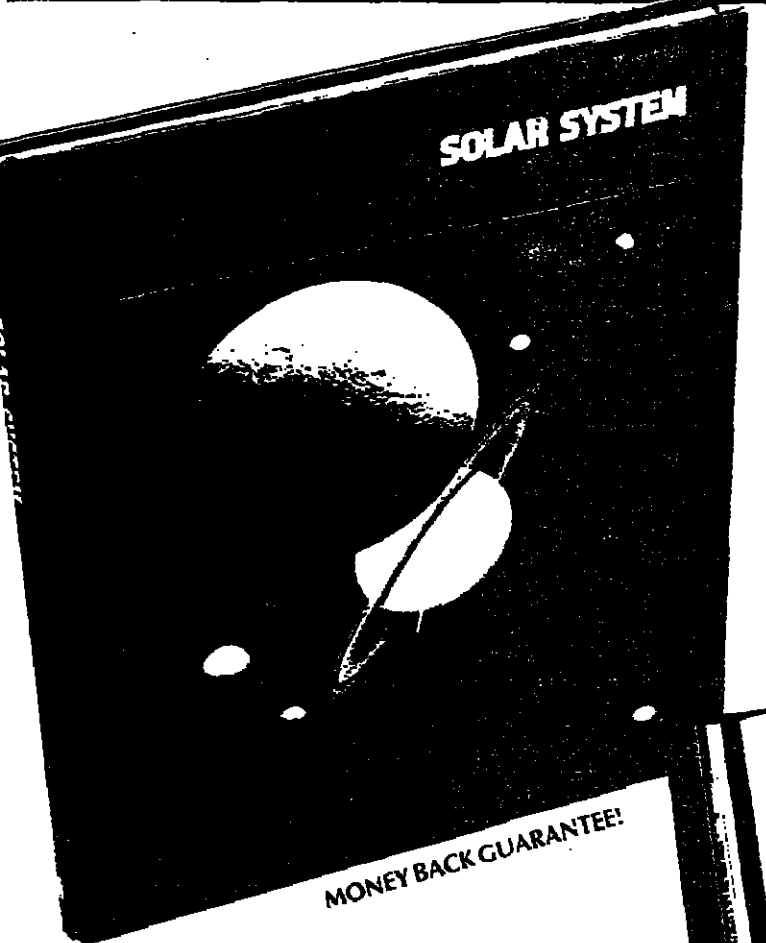
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## Victor Perry on Israelis in California's high-tech industry

THE QUESTION could have been anticipated - "Wouldn't you enjoy your success more in Israel?" So could the answer - "No, I believe I am doing more good for Israel here."

The speaker was Levy Gerzberg, 41, formerly of Rishon LeZion and a founder and top executive of Zoran, one of the newest and most promising of several hundred semiconductor manufacturers in California's Silicon Valley. Despite numerous ups and downs, the Valley still houses one of the world's most advanced concentrations of high-tech semiconductor manufacturers.

Semiconductors are the tiny silicon chips that form the brains of most electronic instruments and computers. Silicon Valley today accounts for about one-fifth of the \$27 billion world-wide semiconductor market.

Gerzberg is one of some 100 Israeli engineers and technicians holding key jobs in the Valley. This, at least, is the estimate of Matt Starr, associate executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, who is responsible for the southern bay area housing Silicon Valley. He can list 66 Israelis, all working in technical and managerial positions. Eventually he hopes to reach the rest and, being the good communal worker he is, motivate them to support the local Jewish community in Israel.

Although, says Starr, the Israelis support communal causes, their major energies are directed at advancing their own careers. Their ultimate dream is to start their own company and eventually go public. Gerzberg, one of the few to achieve this ambition, estimates that Israelis hold top positions in at least 10 companies in the Valley.

Like many Israeli expatriates, those of Silicon Valley maintain close ties with home. They visit Israel frequently, especially during summer vacations, speak Hebrew at home and tend to socialize among themselves. Many of the youngsters go back to Israel for their military service. As for returning for good, "they dream of going back to Israel in just a few years" but 18 years later they're still around," one observer notes.

Generally, there are two reasons why *yordim* don't return; either they haven't made enough money yet, or they're making too much and don't want to leave a good thing... just yet.

In the meantime most find good reason to stay in California. Their major activity on behalf of Israel, at present, is the adoption of Kiryat Shmona through Project Renewal.

LEVY GERZBERG is no doubt one of the Valley's more successful Israelis. He graduated from the Technion in 1969 where he also took a master's degree in medical electronics. He obtained a doctorate in integrated circuits at Stanford University (near Silicon Valley), where he eventually became associate director of the university's electronic laboratories. In 1981 he set out with

## Our men in the Silicon Valley

Yuval Almog, a former Israel Air Force pilot, to establish what he describes as the world's only company dedicated to developing integrated circuits for Digital Signal Processing (DSP). They called it Zoran, Hebrew for silicon.

In plain language, DSP refers to special computer components which can translate phenomena such as images and sounds into digital forms which can then be computer-processed. In practical terms this means that computers can reproduce the human voice and take commands from it, digest and transmit photo images and light waves, as well as process communications signals.

DSP is used in fields such as medical imaging, robotics, computer graphics and telecommunications. Among the more recent applications are the enhancing of photos from satellites and the identification



and filing of photo portraits for the police. DSP microprocessors also have numerous military applications, among them missiles, "smart" bombs and communications.

"We are unique in the field," says Gerzberg, "since we tailor our products to the customer's specific needs." Most other firms, he points out, make general purpose microprocessors. A single Zoran microprocessor, Gerzberg notes, can do the work of an entire mainframe computer. And the field is still open for new applications, increasing capacities and even smaller components.

After raising \$27 million in private venture capital and spending four years on intensive research, the company has only recently begun to produce and market its products on a regular basis.

Its Haifa branch employs some 35 people who are mainly involved in design work for the parent company. At the California plant, out of a

total workforce of 75, eight are Israelis. Half of the workforce in Israel are engineers.

The logic in assigning all the planning and design to the Israeli side, says technical manager Rafi Retter, is that "we can do a better job than our American counterparts. The level of our engineers and technicians is higher here." Work instruments and equipment, however, are imported from the U.S.

In the past year or two, several other Valley companies have begun producing chips and components in Israel, both for the local market and for their parent companies. Since it would be impossible to compete against American and Japanese chip prices, these companies aim to produce chips of greater sophistication and quality. Among the firms are Intel, which produces chips and integrated circuits in Jerusalem, and National Semiconductor in Migdal Ha'emek.

ZORAN'S PLANT in Silicon Valley is indistinguishable from the scores of other prefabricated, white-washed buildings spread out over 20,000 dunams of former fruit orchards.

The boardroom is decorated with "chip art" - photos and artistic interpretations of the integrated circuits found in the company's silicon chips. The company's only distinguishing feature is the bulletin board at its entrance. Among the various announcements of future events is a football game, a picnic and days off for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Another Israeli in Silicon Valley is Ya'acov Dayan. A second cousin of Moshe Dayan, he was born in Afula and raised in Nahalal and Jerusalem. In 1967, shortly after the Six Day War, he came to Berkeley to visit his mother and sister, and stayed to get an electrical engineering degree at the University of California. After a brief stint manufacturing converters for battery-powered radios, he moved to Monolithic Memories (MM) in Silicon Valley where he worked as a junior engineer. The company was just three years old and had 100 employees. Today it boasts 4,000 employees, including 1,500 in labour-cheap Malaysia, and over \$200 million in annual sales.

Dayan is a vice-president of the company, with responsibility for testing and finishing operations. The company produces specialist microprocessors in high-speed logic and memory functions, which are used in computers, electronic devices and communications equipment.

MM sells some \$1m. worth of products annually to Israeli companies, among them Elbit, Tadiran and Israel Aircraft Industries. Six Israelis work for the company, including chairman of the board, Ze'ev Drori, one of the firm's founders.

Zoran and MM are among the more prosperous companies in Silicon Valley where both success and failure come quickly. During the past two years, both companies have survived a serious crisis in the American semiconductor industry, which has seen some 65,000 workers laid off and \$800 million in operating losses. Prices fell from as much as \$40 for a 265K-RAM chip to as little as \$3. A 265K chip can store more than 270,000 bits of information. Its Random Access Memory means that, in contrast to a Read Only Memory chip in which information is stored permanently in the manufacturing process, information can be stored or retrieved on a temporary basis.

Zoran weathered the crisis by entering a new field - single chip DSPs - whose sales have increased by 80 per cent annually. MM cut costs at its Malaysian operation and concentrated heavily on new product development. According to a recent *Business Week* survey, MM was one of the top 15 companies in percentage of sales devoted to research and development.

While the main cause for the present slump is the drop in computer sales, the American industry is also smarting from Japanese competition. In 1982, the U.S. accounted for 49 per cent of the integrated circuit market, which includes the most advanced and widely-used types of semiconductors. Japan accounted for 27 per cent. Japan has now taken the lead with 38 per cent, compared to 35.5 per cent for the U.S.

The Americans claim that the Japanese have accomplished first place by unfair trading, including government subsidies for the industry and dumping at below-cost prices. As a result, the U.S. has imposed duties and penalties on the import of Japanese semiconductors. A new trade agreement between Japan and the U.S. designed to correct these inequalities was allegedly violated by the Japanese, and retaliatory measures were taken by the U.S.

Outright theft and copying of sophisticated semiconductor technology is another peril of this volatile industry. In late 1981, for example, \$3.5 million worth of chips were stolen from MM. The chips were recovered several months later in nearby Lake Tahoe.

The more subtle theft of designs and know-how poses an equally serious problem. A rival can save millions in development costs and research by simply photographing someone else's designs in sections by micro-photography and enlarging them, so that all or part of the design can be copied. The only recourse is to sue for patent infringement, which is not always easy to prove. The Soviet Union is known to have been involved in such industrial espionage, and some Japanese designs are reportedly carbon copies of American components. While no one in the U.S. admits it, it is just as possible that Americans have copied from the Japanese.

In the face of such "routine" problems, Silicon Valley companies have adopted some free-wheeling competitive ploys, including "raids" for qualified personnel. Company loyalties change overnight in the Valley as top executives switch employers in a sort of game of musical chairs. Incentives to keep good men range from expensive gifts to hefty bonuses. In its annual report, MM reports of awarding two outstanding employees Mercedes Benz and Porsche cars. Probably as a result of the frenetic pace of life there, divorces in Santa Clara county now outnumber marriages. The county is one of the fastest growing in the U.S.

The Israelis have carved themselves a niche in this environment. "It's definitely a brain drain for Israel," admits Ya'acov Dayan.

Are any of the Valley Israelis returning to Israel? Definitely, says Yossi Kuchik of the Ministry of Absorption. In the past, his office has organized travelling fairs to four major industrial centres - New York, Toronto, Los Angeles and Silicon Valley - with the aim of persuading Israelis to return home. This was no propaganda display with theoretical discussions. Rather, 20 leading Israeli high-tech firms sent their representatives to offer the Israelis specific jobs. During three days of meetings at the Hyatt Hotel in San Jose, some 100 Israeli engineers and technicians from nearby Silicon Valley and the surrounding areas attended interviews. At least two representatives, usually including the personnel manager, from each Israeli company negotiated working conditions, terms, etc. In many cases agreements were signed on the spot. Most of the jobs were in the electronics and computer fields.

## When the makers of decisions get together

David Krivine

A SEMINAR on decision-making, attended by middle-ranking civil servants who have no real decisions to make, is bound to be vague. So vague that participants were invited last Thursday to a hotel which does not exist: the Plaza in Tel Aviv.

There is a Moriah in Hayarkon Street that used to be called the Plaza and is sometimes called the Moriah-Plaza. Arriving from Jerusalem, I wasted 10 minutes working out where I was supposed to be.

The hosts were the Union of Academics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities, and the Association of Journalists in the Public Service, a combination which, if not vague, is certainly confusing (what special interest have these organizations in the decision-making process?).

Matters were not helped by the opening lecturer, who delivered himself of cloudy generalities. "To be or not to be," he declared, "that is the key to the subject of decision-making."

The speaker of those words was former state comptroller Yitzhak Tunkin. As a man who criticized government departments mercilessly during his period in office, he deserves criticism in his turn - for walling. "When Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden," he told his bemused audience, "that's when decision-making began."

Bit by bit he became more serious and soon a theme emerged. We think with our emotions, not our brains, he said. Wishful thinking plays an enormous part in public policy-making. Take the late lamented Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal.

"An eminent Knesset member told me that every generation needs a national task. Perhaps that is why this project was adopted as a national task without being properly examined."

Examination of a venture after its inauguration is apt to be anything but detached. Calculations on Med-Dead were distorted, the benefits exaggerated.

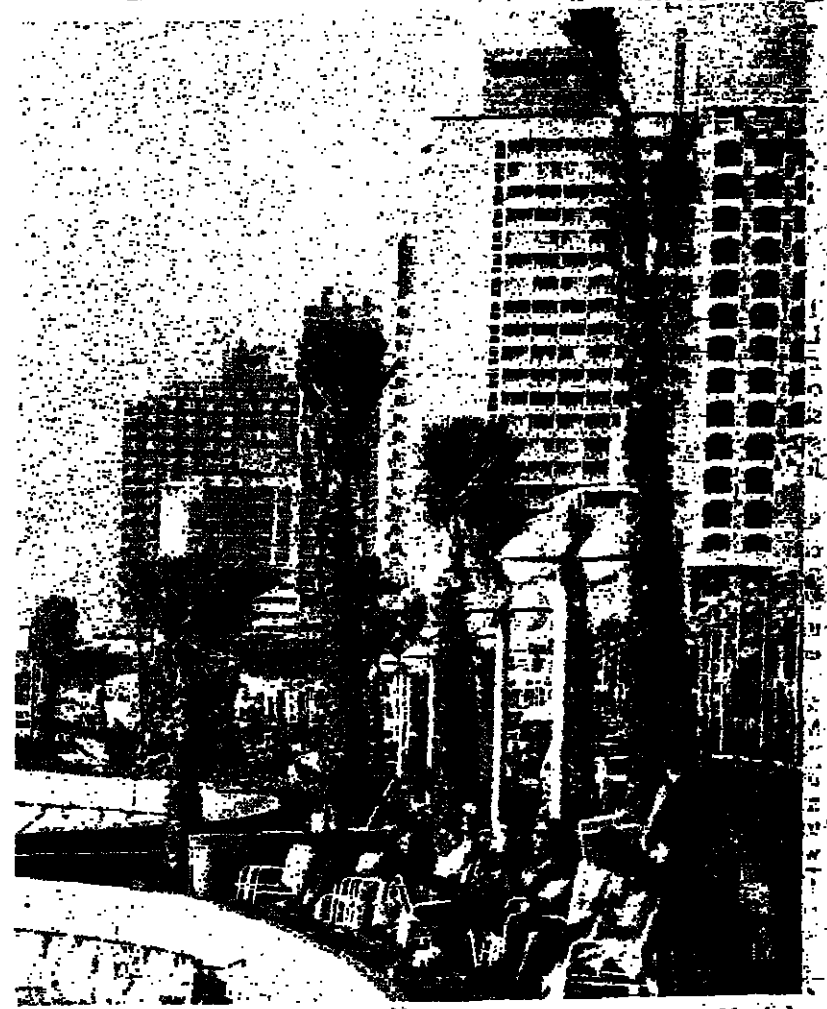
Tunkin's speech ended with a deflating reference to the late Justice Benjamin Cardozo, who owned that the biggest difficulty facing him in the U.S. Supreme Court was not to eliminate outside influences, which was hard enough; but to eliminate himself (his preconceptions, that is).

VAGUENESS engulfed the address of his successor, Haim Kubersky, likewise retired from high positions, having been for many years director-general of the Interior Ministry. Looking back on events, he castigated the government for ruining practically everything in the land, including agriculture and the defence industry.

What bothers Kubersky in particular, it emerges, is that the government does not pursue the policies advocated by his ex-ministry, notably the development of the Galilee and the Negev. Truth be told, that is not the only problem the government overlooks, by a long chalk.

But a theme emerged here too, supplementing Tunkin's stress on absence of objectivity. The cabinet, Kubersky alleges, has no sense of joint responsibility. Each minister speaks for the interests he represents; no-one speaks for the general interest.

The Defence Ministry opposed the Lavi (the Lavi had to come up



The confusion began over the hotel venue. (Richard Nowitz)

sooner or later). They were against it only because budget was lacking for other military purposes. Had extra funds been supplied from the exchequer, the defence authorities would have tolerated the Lavi - even though from the national point of view it represented a waste of resources.

KNESSET MEMBER Ya'ir Tsaban, a fluent and voluble speaker, exploited the vagueness of the occasion to brief his audience on anything and everything.

The Frutaron electrochemical complex in the North poisons the atmosphere, yet it gets rescue aid from the cabinet. (This comes under the heading of failure to study the facts properly before making a decision, a valid point.)

Belonging to Mapam, Tsaban makes a sharp distinction between employers and labour. Employers were trapped, he admits, between controlled prices and soaring costs. To ease their situation, the government reduced their national insurance contributions. The benefit is universal. All employers enjoy the reduction including, for example, a wealthy lawyer like Amnon Goldenberg, whose fees are anything but controlled. The concession, Tsaban concludes, should have been granted selectively to those who needed it.

So much for the employers. When it comes to the workers, he changes his stand and supports the universalism he has just rejected.

Tsaban shot down in the Knesset (he is proud to say) the Treasury's infamous proposal to tax the National Insurance Institute's old-age pensions, because that affects the masses. Yet the poor would not be worse off if taxes were imposed, since they would not be liable, whereas as things are, men like the above Amnon Goldenberg are exempt (when they reach 65) from contributing that little bit more of their inflated income to the national coffers.

THE LAST SPEAKER, Benny Peled - yet another retired bossman, having been commander of the Israel Air Force - started with sober talk.

The process of decision-making should be like this: the government should decide first, then apply its

decision, then check how the decision is being applied, then change its original decision (if necessary) in the light of the difficulties brought to its notice, and finally review the whole operation, making a judgment on its success.

This process, he contends, has never been carried through in Israel. Nobody bothers, because nobody carries personal responsibility for errors committed.

The army once decided, he reminded his listeners, to develop an Israeli version of each key weapon: an Israeli gun, tank, projectile, motor torpedo boat, warplane, etc.

But the home-made Lavi warplane is now scrapped. Does that mean that the doctrine of developing indigenous weapons is changed? Nobody knows, because no decision was ever taken at the political (as opposed to the military) level either way.

"So nobody is responsible. I can tell you of four or five projects in the pipeline, costing between them more than the Lavi, which should perhaps be halted."

After which Peled, who likes to startle his audience, cast off all restraint. If this symposium is vague, he seemed to be saying, then let us go the whole hog. There is no army in Israel, he pronounced with a challenging glint in his eye. Why? Because there is no law stating what an army should be.

There are no qualified army officers, because there is no legal definition of their task and no military college to train them in. For that matter, the State of Israel does not exist either, given that there is no constitution to lay down what form the State of Israel is supposed to take.

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future, he was asked.

Optimistic, he replied. The young generation, facing unpalatable options, will choose the right one: they will themselves create the (allegedly missing) State of Israel.

Vastly relieved, the civil servants who had had an earful during the day - dispersed, though whether with any greater wisdom than before is to be doubted.

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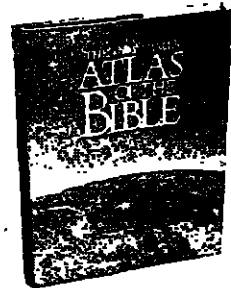
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# Koor pressing government to sell its 20 per cent stake

By KEN SCHACHTER

For The Jerusalem Post  
TEL AVIV. — Industrial giant Koor Ltd. has proposed that the government relinquish control of its 20 per cent stake in the company's outstanding shares as part of a plan to simplify its capital structure and offer shares to its employees.

Negotiations being conducted by Shewach Ophir, Koor's chief financial officer, and Arieh Sher, the Finance Ministry's accountant-general, would allow the company to increase the number of shares traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Questioned yesterday about the talks with Koor, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim would say only that "we are now examining" the proposal. The sticking point in the two-month-old negotiations is believed to be how much the government would be paid for the shares. A top Treasury official said yesterday that

the government was still trying to determine the value of its stake.

Koor issued the shares to the government about 20 years ago in exchange for several state-owned enterprises, including Carmel Forge. The government's holdings in the company, Israel's largest non-state-owned concern, include preferred shares and deferred shares, which are only redeemable for their nominal value after company has been liquidated, said Arieh Sher, Koor's chief accounting officer. Koor hasn't paid any dividends on the government-held shares, making it hard to determine the stock's worth, Gans said.

All shares with voting rights are held by Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is applying pressure on Koor to expand the number of shares available

to the public in order to ensure "uninterrupted trade," Gans said. Currently, preferred shares, amounting to 8.5 per cent of total shares issued are traded on the exchange. Gans said a "first stage" stock offering might amount to \$20 million to \$30 m. Before such an offering could be issued, however, exchange officials are demanding that Koor reduce its confusing array of shares. The company has seven types of shares outstanding, but is seeking to trim that number of two or three.

The company had considered a stock offering on a U.S. exchange, but that plan was shelved because of the instability on Wall Street in the weeks since the October 19 share crash.

At the same time, Koor is examining a plan to issue shares to workers instead of increasing social benefits and salaries.



Haim Erez (IDF Spokesman)

## Erez named to top post at Israel Chemical

Post Economic Staff

TEL AVIV. — Reserve General Haim Erez, a protégé of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, was elected managing director of Israel Chemicals yesterday.

The board of directors chose Erez by a 13-4 vote over Aharon Fogel, former head of the Finance Ministry's budget division. Fogel's candidacy was backed by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim.

The Finance Ministry and the Industry and Trade Ministry share patronage power over government-owned Israel Chemicals.

Erez, 52, succeeds Yoram Ziv, who had held the managing director's post for six years. It has been rumored that friction developed between Ziv and Rafi Eytan, who became chairman of the board in April 1985, prompting Ziv to step down.

Erez, formerly head of the Southern Command, left the army in October. He has a degree in economic history from Tel Aviv University and last year studied at the London School of Economics.

Israel Chemicals has been hurt by the falling global price for phosphates, but still managed to show a profit last year.

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## Central Bank hutzpa sticks in the throat

The Bank of Israel does not like certain sectors in the economy which make a lot of fuss. The central bank thinks that everyone should be self-sufficient, and not need government support.

For instance, when exporters to the dollar bloc claimed that their profitability had deteriorated, the Bank of Israel suggested that they try to figure out how to increase efficiency. The central bank was generous in bestowing its wisdom concerning how an enterprise can become more competitive. The most reasonable step, says the voice of common sense, is to cut back employees' salaries. "We can't cut our employees' wages," say employers from the electronics sector. "Yes you can," says Bank of Israel, who regards the enterprises as adults who have to learn to manage on their own.

Other enterprises have claimed that they cannot manage with the

current high rate of interest.

"Yes you can," says Bank of Israel. Only inefficient sectors suffer, says the sagacious, noble institution.

Please let us have the international interest rate, so we can compete, the enterprises begged. But the central bank stance remains cool, calm and collected, claiming that everybody should think about national goals and stop being so selfish.

The Bank of Israel, which understands the value of money and the need to tighten belts for better days ahead, has been found secretly paying its employees a six-week advance in their salaries. Why not? The public purse is the ward of the bank, and so it can use it as it pleases.

What the central bank has done can only be termed as hutzpa. Somebody should pay the price for this episode, otherwise Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno advice will fall on deaf ears.

## Agreement on new schedule of food and hotel expenses

The Civil Servants Union and the Civil Service Commission reached an agreement last week to boost food and lodging expenses for state workers, the Histadrut said.

The rise, which goes into effect on December 1, brings the total per diem to NIS 18.60 instead of NIS 16.00. Payment for breakfast has increased from NIS 3.20 to NIS 3.70, lunch from NIS 8.90 to NIS 10.40, and dinner from NIS 3.90 to 4.50.

The union said tax exemptions have not been adjusted for over two years, and since the tax will now be effective on a large portion of the sum, he will demand that the Treasury update the tax exemption.

## Price controls lifted from more goods, services

Post Economic Reporter  
The Treasury and the Industry Ministry announced last week that they had decided to lift price controls from a new group of goods and services. This left less than 30 per cent of the goods and services in the economy under control, and represents a victory for the Treasury's approach, which maintains controls should be lifted.

Freely from price controls were sport clubs, health clubs, sport classes, frozen vegetables, mustard.

## Osem says sales to reach \$110m. in '87

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Osem's total sales are expected to reach \$110 million this year, a 22 per cent increase over 1986, according to Raphael Wilmsdorf, the company's marketing manager.

Although the privately held company doesn't disclose profit figures, Wilmsdorf said that 1987 exports were expected to increase by 16.6 per cent to \$7 million.

The 46-year-old company is one of several Israeli companies being featured in a month-long Superol promotion that displays Israeli-made products in their export packages.

Pasta, which once was Osem's only line, now accounts for less than 20 per cent of turnover. The company makes about 65 per cent of the biscuits and crackers in Israel and about 90 per cent of the packaged snacks.

Osem products are exported to more than 30 countries and often appear under store brand labels, such as St. Michael for Britain's Marks and Spencer chain.

## Teens' minimum pay

Starting next month, adolescents with full-time jobs will get between 65 and 83 per cent of the minimum wage, under a ruling signed yesterday by Labour Minister Moshe Katsov.

The new rules set the minimum wage for those adolescents who combine studies and work at 60 per cent of the national minimum. For the full-time workers, the per cent of the minimum wage they receive will be determined by wage. The current minimum wage for adults is NIS\$81.

## Nissim: GDP will grow 4% in '87

By KEN SCHACHTER

TEL AVIV. — Israel's gross domestic product will grow more than 4 per cent this year, compared with 2.2 per cent in 1986, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim told a meeting of the EC-Israel Bi-National Chambers of Commerce yesterday.

Speaking to a gathering of delegates from European Community nations, Nissim said that 1987 exports are expected to show a 10 per cent increase from last year while the private sector is forecast to expand 5 per cent after two consecutive years at a level of 3.7 per cent.

In his speech, Nissim outlined the achievements of the economic stabilization programme instituted in July 1985. At that point, he recalled, inflation was running at 15 per cent a month, whereas 1987's annual inflation rate would be about 16 per cent, a four percentage point decline from last year.

Still, Nissim stressed, inflation must be curbed even further with a "wage policy that conditions a wage rise on increased efficiency." He also vowed to resist strong pressures to increase the budget deficit.

In an earlier speech, Jacob Even-Ezra, chairman of the Export Institute, noted that in the 10 years since they signed an agreement to lower tariffs, Israel's trade deficit with the EC had tripled. In 1977, the trade gap was \$1 billion in the EC's favor, Even-Ezra said, and by 1986 that figure had reached \$3b.

In the early 1980s, Israeli exports were hurt by the weakness of European currencies relative to the dollar, but in recent years that situation has been reversed. Throughout their trading relationship, however, Israel has found it virtually impossible to penetrate the European market with exports of metals and electronics, including weapons, he said.

"We almost don't export to the EC any of these items," he said. The reason isn't a matter of quality, Even-Ezra said, citing Israel's sales to the U.S. military. Instead, the trade barriers are posed by regulations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which don't allow purchases from Israel, and protectionism, based on pressure from local arms manufacturers, he said.

Even-Ezra declared that the cur-

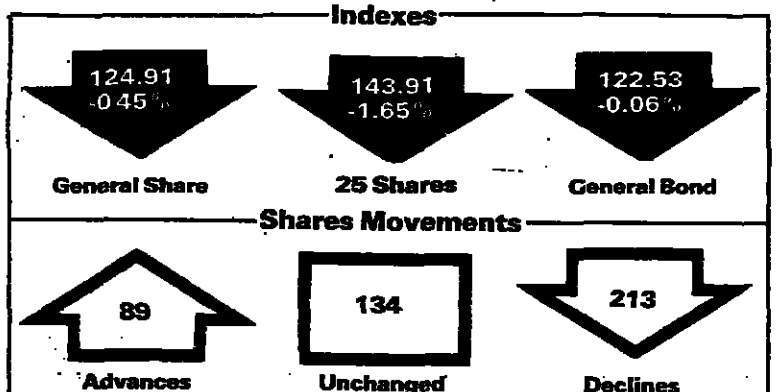
rent situation untenable, considering that Israel's total trade volume with the EC amounts to about \$7.5b. a year. "We have to develop new markets in Europe," he added.

"If you won't help us in breaking through to this market, I'm afraid there will be an explosion."

In a morning press conference, Lionel Stoleru, president of the EC-Israel Chamber of Commerce, suggested that Israel could link the shekel to the European Currency Unit as a way of avoiding the on-going trade dispute between the Washington and Tokyo. Currently the shekel is linked to a basket of currencies whose major component is the U.S. dollar.

Stoleru also proposed a formal EC declaration against the Arab boycott.

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## THE PRICE TO COME

BLOCKED on land and blocked on the sea, the terrorist organizations operating from Lebanon have for some time sought ways of striking from the air. On Wednesday night they succeeded, when one of two hang-gliders penetrated the border and its operator, after successfully setting down, blasted his way into a near-by army encampment causing havoc and bloodshed in the few minutes before he was killed.

There can be no doubt that any and all of the terror groups would have been "proud" to mount such an attack. But the organization that took credit, Ahmed Jibril's "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine", had a special aim, as expressed in its announcements yesterday. And that was to contrast its unremitting militancy with the more moderate consensus reflected at the recent Amman summit.

The symbol of that moderation, which Jibril sought to denounce by bloodshed, was the summit's decision to enable individual Arab states to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt, despite the peace agreement with Israel. While he carries on the armed conflict with the Zionist enemy, they, including the PLO, betray the Arab cause of unrelenting and absolute enmity.

Jibril, whose headquarters are in Damascus, in this way faithfully expresses the position of his Syrian patron, Hafez Assad. And it was not surprising, therefore, when Prime Minister Shamir yesterday fingered Syria as the principal culprit behind the Kiryat Shmona attack.

But in the Palestinian centres of south Lebanon all have rallied behind the attack — especially the inflated accounts of its spread by the PLFP — even as they anxiously await the Israeli reprisal they believe is inevitable. There, and not only there, the slogan of "escalating the armed conflict against the Zionist enemy and confronting Palestinian and Arab deviationism" is the accepted liturgy.

No matter that the main victims of this liturgy will be, as they have always been, the Palestinians themselves.

However much this attitude and such incidents quicken the blood of Palestinian extremists, they also define its futility. For they set back whatever prospects there are of a political process, which is the only possible means of resolving the conflict.

Until the likes of Assad and Jibril, who are prepared to fight to the last Palestinian and eliminate all objectors, are themselves discredited, there can be no political solution.

Israel's army, will digest the lesson of this incident, as it has always done in the past. The death of six young soldiers, painful as it is to the families and the nation as a whole, will not affect Israel's strength, resolve and resilience.

The penalty for their death will be borne by those who continue to make bloodshed their banner and the duped innocents who cheer them on.

## INVESTIGATE

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tuted regular defensive procedures throughout the entire Upper Galilee, including all civilian settlements in the region.

In the camp attacked, however, the soldiers were still preparing themselves to deal with the emergency when the terrorist managed to infiltrate.

Most of the soldiers hit were in one corner of the camp, some of them in a tent where they were putting on their gear. The chief of general staff noted, however, that, at the time of the attack, "the soldiers involved were extremely unprepared."

Both Shomron and OC Northern Command Yossi Peled said last night that a thorough investigation had been launched to determine what had gone wrong.

Shomron said that there was no doubt that the attack had been executed by Jibril's PFLP-GC. He said that the organization had been training on hang-gliders in Syria, though Wednesday's attack had probably been launched from the Bekaa region of Lebanon. The attack would have been impossible without the help of the Syrians who trained, armed and otherwise assisted Jibril's organization.

Asked how the terrorists had managed to penetrate Israel's sophisticated defences in the North, Shomron said: "Precisely because the means they used were unsophisticated."

He stressed that the incident did not mean that Israel "had a hole" in its air defences, but rather that "nothing could be closed hermetically."

According to Peled, the IDF had received first warning of an impending attack when reports reached headquarters that the sound of engines had been heard. Immediately, he said, standard procedures were instituted, including the use of flares, helicopters, roadblocks and civil defence measures at all settlements. Some 20 minutes later, after the terrorist had come down in his hang-glider in a thorn field near the Givon landing strip, he attacked the officer on the road, some 30 metres from where he had landed. He then immediately made his way to the base, about 120 metres away.

Peled said that he was convinced that the terrorist had originally intended to attack a civilian target.

The terrorist was armed with a Kalashnikov submachine gun, a pistol with a silencer and several grenades. By the time he was killed by storeman Gideon Bashari, 20, of Netanya, at very close range, six soldiers were dead and seven others injured.

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# Moment of truth for the farm-aid system

Shlomo Maoz

LAST WEEK Bino Zadik's Bank Leumi decided that it was high time for the Jewish Agency-controlled bank to get its hands on the assets of the Beit She'an moshav. The new manager of Israel's major bank is interested in profits, pure profits that can be presented in periodic balance sheets. He does not want to be part of a dying system. Zadik knows that once he fails, he will be kicked out and not protected from the consequences of his failures as he would have been in the old days of *hashia* (the system).

The old system — *hashia* — was a way of life in Israel for two generations. Everybody knew that things sometimes went sour, but those prepared for mutual backscratching were given the chance to enjoy the system.

Members of the 51-year-old Beit She'an moshav were worried about last week's attachment. They were afraid that it would include not only the moshav's cooperative organization (*aguda*) assets but also their "personal property," as they like to point out. "It is hard to believe that it has come to this," said one of the moshav farmers when the bailiffs, accompanied by a large police contingent, came to attach the members' property.

Their reaction was understandable. Who would have believed that one day the national bank, once owned by world Jewry and now actually owned by the government, would be attempting to root Jews out from their own settlements?

It can be said, however, that the moshavniks' claim that they own personal property is much exaggerated. What proportion is, in fact, personal property? Should it be described in the main as property which was extracted from the "system" at the expense of the next generation, rather than the fruit of the moshavniks' own labours?

After many years of wilful ignorance our collective blinkers are off, leaving an injured economy, bankrupt people and even more Israelis who prefer the advantages of the Diaspora. Those who have left had neither the power nor the inclination to be part of an anachronistic system.

How is it that the system worked for so long? Worked until we have finally reached a situation where commercial banks attach personal property, a move more typical of American policy than Israeli. Agriculture and the farmers are only one aspect of a system which has prevented Israel from taking off to higher and more secure standards of living simply by being more competitive.

Farmers in settlements draw enormous amounts of money through their settlements' organization (*aguda*), without any direct responsibility for the consequences of their conduct. Since their liabilities were not directly connected to their pocketbooks, they drew from the system a higher means of production than was needed and elevated their standard of living far beyond their earning power. This happened with the active connivance of institutions such as the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mutual and collective guarantees were unlimited regarding time, quantity, even the objectives of the investments. The system did not work according to economic considerations, but rather on tacit political commitments. All the settlements' members would sign enormous documents referred to as "bedsheets". Multi-mutual guarantees were made between the settlers themselves and between different settlements, between settlements and regional enterprises and so on.

Farmers went from one supplier to another, from one bank to its competitor, using the same "bedsheet" as a guarantee. With this oversized sheet of paper they purchased whatever they fancied, both for their farms and for their private needs. They sometimes used loans for larger homes and not for production. "Why shouldn't we have a tractor and a lorry in front of our new villa — whether our neighbour has or not?" Nobody minded adding an extra signature to the "blankets". Once they discovered that it was a game with no losers, they continued building up more and more plant and equipment that were economically non-viable.

They thought that money came out of the blue. So why not build two, similar slaughterhouses side by side, one belonging to the moshavim and one to the kibbutzim? The fact that those enterprises worked at only one-third of their capacity was not their concern.

IT WAS THE same story in the kibbutzim. Deputy Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz says that in their case, the mutual guarantee was not only between the 178 United Kibbutz Movement kibbutzim but also extended to Tnuva, Hamashbir Hamercazi and Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, which itself is owned by the main creditor — Bank Hapoalim. And, just in case you've forgotten, Hevrat Ha'Ovdim amounts to about a quarter of the economy.

The kibbutzim exploited the gains of this iniquitous system to the full. They were so certain that they were on the right path, in addition to

being successful, that they decided to forge ahead. They did not stop to consider whether their success was due to the "system", but attributed it to their own efficiency. Then they turned to the financial market where they encountered the financier David Balas. And now we are being asked to pay the price.

No government can permit an entire settlement system to collapse altogether. Therefore, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim is trying to twist the arms of farmers — the majority of whom are loyal to the Alignment — without actually breaking them. This is a curious task for a man who believes in the free market, though at the same time is conscious that as a politician he has to correct the direction of the economy without too many shocks.

Public opinion supports the warranted steps. Demonstrations and a tent in front of the Knesset have lost their effectiveness. The people are tired of having to justify the interests of one sectorial group or another, knowing full well that in the end the bill will be footed by the tax payers.

We are now in the midst of the long process of attempting to extricate ourselves from the mess of *hashia*. The government fulfilled its obligations with the bank shares arrangement, but in the present climate it would not act as it acted in 1983, if we were in that same situation today.

Today's miserly policy is in tune with the present climate which favours an open economic policy with no cover-ups by *apparatchiks*. The debate over the banks' senior managers' salaries; the decision on scrapping the Lavi project; increased self-financing of Kupot Holim budgets; reduction of employees in local municipalities which must now to finance their activities with less government funding; the fight over university funding; the reluctance of the government to assist exporters whenever they moan about unprofitability; the reduction of the number of *tal-alufim*. All these reflect a new code of government economies.

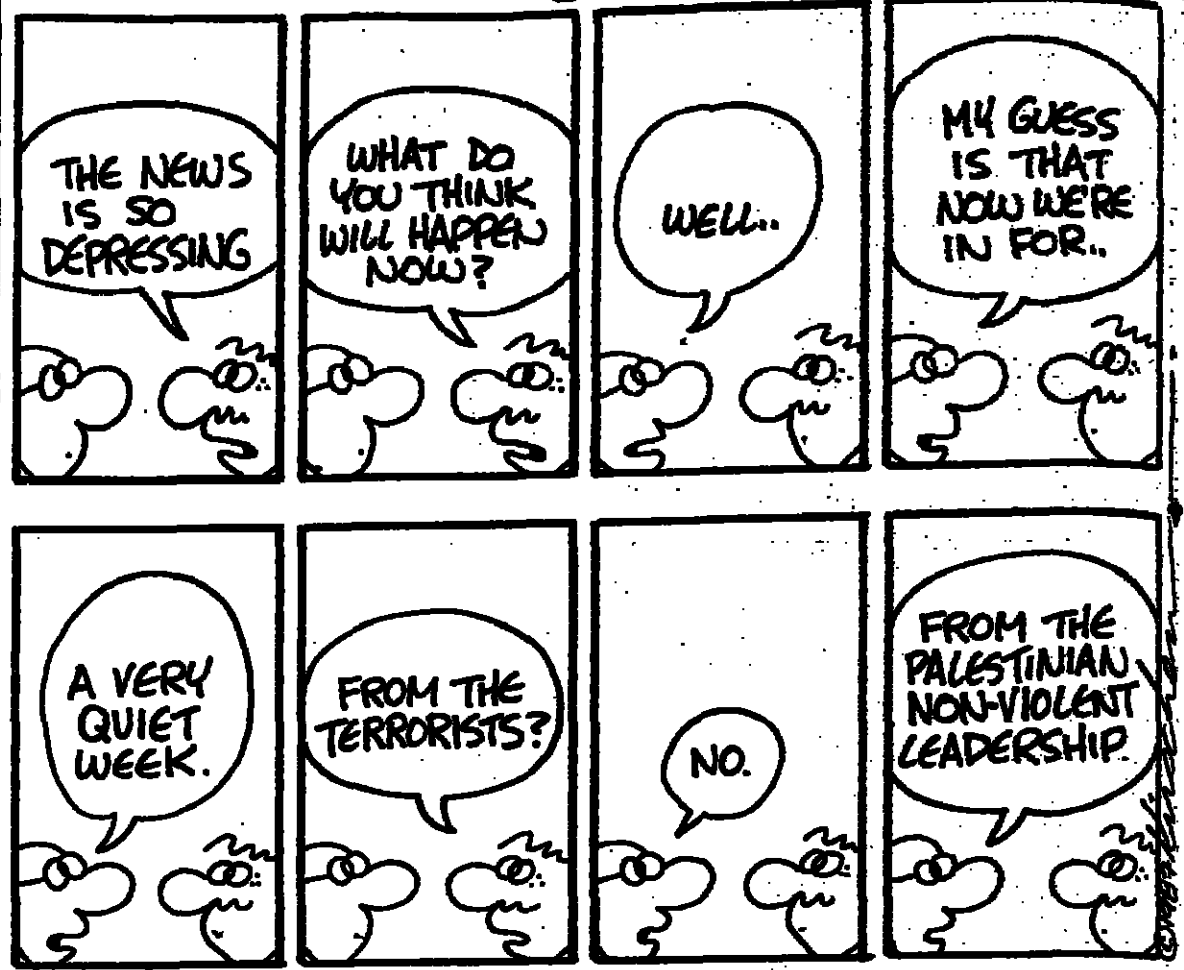
This time around, the government should find a new formula for dealing with the farmers. The efficient settlements should be helped, as well as those situated along the borders to serve the nation's needs. The solution should provide general assistance and the time necessary for adjustment. All in all, it is not only the farmers who are to blame. The Ministry of Agriculture approved investments for which it had no funds, the Bank of Israel turned a blind eye to the existence of semi-bank bodies that should not have been operating (purchasing organizations), and the Jewish Agency promised funds that it did not transfer on time while the interest rate rocketed.

The Jewish Agency is one of the bodies that has not been touched, even though some suggest that most of its activities are obsolete. Since its funds come from the Diaspora, government control is lax.

The current agricultural crisis must engender a new, efficient agriculture which in turn will be part of new economic standards. The idea that not everything is guaranteed will lead to increased efforts on the part of the public. This will also prompt more Israelis to take part in real economic competition in this country and enjoy its benefits.

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# The Friday Dry Bones



## READERS' LETTERS

### ULTRA-ORTHODOXY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In his article of November 17, "Who is an ultra-Orthodox Jew?" Rabbi David Eliezrie states that he is confused and offended at being called "ultra." To help the good rabbi lift the veil of his confusion, may I suggest that he consider the following points:

1. There are *kapote*-wearers (a term the rabbi prefers to "ultra") who serve in the Israeli army. But what is the percentage of *kapote*-wearers who serve as compared to the percentage of non-*kapote*-wearers who serve? And what proportion of daughters of *kapote*-wearers serve as compared to daughters of non-*kapote*-wearers?

2. There are *kapote*-wearers who pay their share of taxes. But what is the percentage of *kapote*-wearers who pay their share of taxes as compared to the percentage of non-*kapote*-wearers who pay their share?

3. I am happy that Rabbi Eliezrie finds rock-throwing to be reprehensible. How many leaders or others among the *kapote*-wearers have come out in public denunciation of the rock-throwers?

4. Rabbi Eliezrie states: "I don't think you can impose your values on them but must share *Yiddishkeit* with love and compassion." Is the alienation of the majority of Jews in the Diaspora by amending the "Who is a Jew" law the rabbi's way of not imposing his values and sharing *Yid-*

*dishkeit* with love and compassion? At the root of Rabbi Eliezrie's confusion is his inability or unwillingness to distinguish between Jewishness and Judaism. In this context, I define Jewishness as the sum total of Jewish experience and civilization including culture, traditions, language, history, religion and shared destiny. I define Judaism as the religious aspect of Jewishness.

The majority of Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora are Jews because of their Jewishness as defined above regardless of their specific attitudes to Judaism. As such, they merit the same consideration and respect for their values and lifestyles as do the "ultra" groups. The reason there is a split between many non-ultra-Orthodox Jews and ultra-Orthodox Jews is that even though the former may agree with the latter in their fundamental Jewish beliefs, they do not attempt to impose their values upon the non-Orthodox, but try to convince by personal example, education, dialogue and tolerance.

Rabbi Eliezrie is able to live as a committed *kapote*-wearing Jew in Anaheim, California, without interfering with or being interfered with by other Jews in his community. He should understand that the epithet "ultra" will be dropped when his fellow *kapote*-wearers in Israel accept the same live-and-let-live behaviour that he enjoys in Anaheim.

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### CULT INFORMATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In his article of November 13, David Krivine asks if EST can be harmful. The answer is yes, when this form of therapy is practised by untrained people.

Contrary to Krivine, the Israel Centre (for Breakthrough) in Tel Aviv offers EST courses through a special 1985 agreement with Werner Erhard and Associates (EST).

EST, like Scientology, from which it derives some of its concepts and techniques, and other so-called "self-improvement" groups, preys on the vulnerabilities which we all experience, e.g. post-Army, college, aliyah, etc. Governments have a special obligation to protect their citizens from consumer exploitation, a point which was forcefully made in the Glazer-Ta'asa report on cults.

The use of secrecy and disinformation make any group suspect. All foreign-based organizations should be carefully monitored and required

by law to explain themselves fully and publicly.

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### THE BIG LIE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The Nazis are busy fabricating another big lie, or perhaps it should be called a big denial. It is cleverly laying the foundations for another anti-Semitic campaign, perhaps one as terrible as the one which cost six million Jewish lives, as well as the lives of millions of other innocent persons.

I am referring to the Nazis' campaign quoting so-called scientific research projects "proving" not only that the Holocaust never took place, but also that it is an invention of the Jews to discredit the Germans and Germany.

The danger is not that the Nazis will convince themselves of the truth of their lies. The danger is that millions of others, who feel indirectly guilty for the Holocaust for having collaborated with the Nazis or for having failed to do anything, will wholeheartedly accept this new line of Nazi propaganda which eradicates their guilt feelings. And once these guilt feelings are gone, they can be persuaded to become anti-Semites again since the Jews made "fools" of them.

Most Jewish leaders, as well as many non-Jews, are ignoring the entire matter on the grounds that no serious scientist, or any enlightened person will swallow this new anti-Semitic propaganda trick.

History teaches us that when the Nazi movement first began, it was also considered harmless nonsense by serious scientists and enlightened persons. The results are well known. It is time for us to stop hiding our heads in the sand and set the record straight.

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